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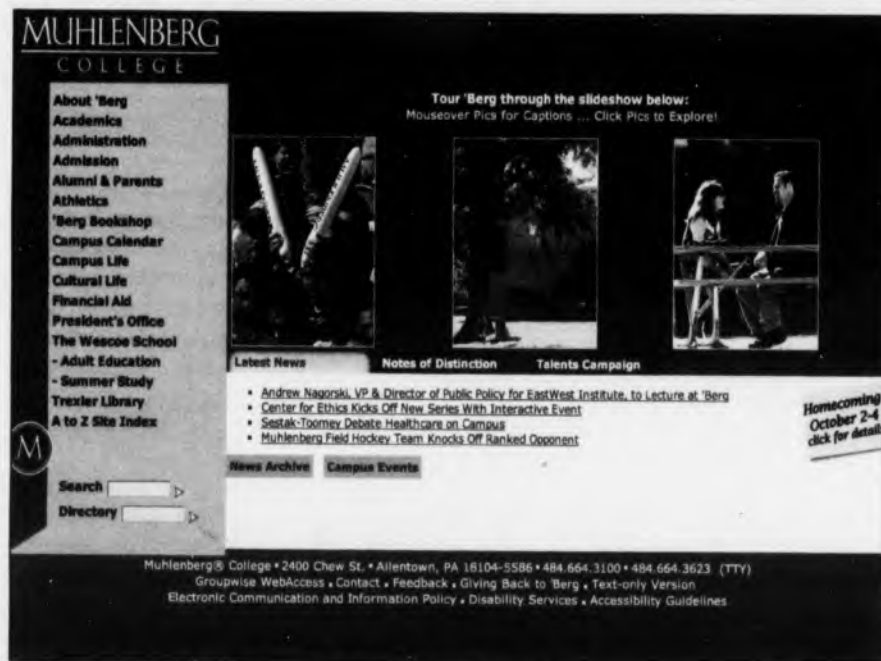
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Heads up, Muhlenberg! Our favorite website is about to get a very impressive face-lift. In this new day of technology, a college or university cannot hope to be successful without a decent website. Inquiring high school students seek out the Muhlenberg website for a first glimpse of what it has to offer. Parents rely on the website to keep up on the activities going on within our campus boundaries. Alumni, beyond bouts of nostalgia, return to the website to keep connected with the younger generations currently at the college.

Four years ago, Muhlenberg launched the website seen today. Pictures of smiling students, performance art, landscapes, and energetic athletes rotate on the screen. Functionality was also considered as e-mail accounts, links, calendars, and general information are all conveniently organized on the homepage. While this version of the website earned high marks on navigation and information, it has become clear that it needed a boost.

A team put together, by President Helm and the Board of Observers was set to the task of investigating launching a new website. Harry Miller, the Director of OIT, was pulled in to discuss the upgrades in technology and the new abilities that could improve the functionality of a new website. Since a website is one of the most important parts of the college selection process, Dean of Admissions Christopher Hooker-Haring was made part of the team. Finally, Mike Bruckner of Public Relations was invited to partake to ensure that the website maintained, if not improved, its quality and aesthetic value.

The process began by evaluating the needs of the faculty and staff, and by seeing what other benchmarking institutions had done with their own websites. Once a list had been generated of all these needs, it was time to consult beyond the Muhlen-



Say good-bye to the old Muhlenberg website!

berg borders to see which of these needs could be met. The most basic of these needs, beyond keeping the website as informative and easily navigated, involved helping the college community conduct their business. The group also hoped to add as much as possible in the creativity and technology department.

At this point, the team became heavily dependent on the three new additions on their quest to find a new website. Carolyn Brown, Phedra Fishbein, and Tim Roth were largely involved with the website's architecture and preparing it for launch.

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Sestak debates Toomey on hot topic: Healthcare



Congressman Sestak and Fmr. Congressman Toomey at the debate.

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Recently a hot topic in politics has been the "Obamacare" plan, alternatively known as the Federal Healthcare Plan. During the 2008 presidential campaign season, President Obama promised to create a form of national health insurance that would provide an affordable alternative to Americans. Some progress has been made to turn that promise into reality. Congress is currently in negotiations to try

and work out a bill which would create nationalized health insurance.

This debate over healthcare recently hit home when Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) and former Congressman Pat Toomey (R-PA), both candidates for Arlen Specter's Senate seat, chose Muhlenberg as the site for their town hall meeting on health care.

After a brief introductory speech by President Helm, Muhlenberg's own Dr. Christopher Borick introduced the candidates and set the ground rules for the debate - where each candidate was given three minutes to respond to an audience member's question. The debate commenced with opening statements where both Sestak and Toomey presented their arguments for and against national healthcare. Sestak, who was elected to the House in 2006, went first by stating that he entered politics in order to, "...have the chance to give all people an opportunity to have affordable health insurance." Sestak referenced his daughter's fight with brain cancer to promote the benefits of affordable health insurance. Fmr. Congressman Toomey was then given a chance to present his opening statement whereby he agreed with Congressman Sestak's point that there is a major problem with our healthcare system. Toomey claimed that he could not support a "...1,000 page plus bill which is chock full of new big government mandates and advocates over a trillion dollars of new spending." After both candidates presented their opening statements, audience members were then given the chance to ask healthcare related questions to both Sestak and Toomey.

The first question, asked by Bethlehem, PA resident Fiona Sweeney, was whether the Federal Healthcare Plan could be modeled after the auto industry and it would in-turn take healthcare away from the employer. Congressman Sestak responded by saying that the purpose of the plan was not to remove healthcare options from employers; rather it was to ensure that employers had a cheaper alternative available to employees who could not afford more expensive plans. He claimed that what was broken with the healthcare system was that insurance companies, "...are able to dictate what level of insurance employees can have." He also pointed out that the criteria set forth by the Department of Justice regarding the insurance industry has found that in certain markets like health insurance, 90% of the market is noncompetitive. Sestak concluded his answer by noting that the federal healthcare plan will, "...live and die by the premiums and money people pay into it - they will elect to pay

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As we start yet another year of school, most of us are wondering where the summer has gone or wishing that we did not have that eight a.m. class. Yet, in the end, we all know that a college degree is a necessary tool for success. So we may be half asleep as we trudge to our early morning class, but we get there nonetheless.

This is the mentality that President Obama's recent speech to students across the country encompassed. We find it absurd that it has been referred to as socialist propaganda when this is a message that everyone, regardless of age and education level, needs to be reminded of. Former Presidents Reagan and Bush Sr. made similar speeches during their presidencies and just to note, Reagan's speech included many politically charged remarks.

The message of our president's speech on Sept. 8 was a simple but important one; to stay in school. Nothing more, nothing less. It was motivating, inspiring, and relevant even if it was geared towards ages kindergarten through twelfth grade. So the next time you are up at two a.m. trying to finish that fifteen page paper or trying to find that one little mistake in your chemistry lab that is throwing off all of your data, take a look at the transcript of Obama's speech and be reminded that school is not always easy, but every assignment serves a purpose. Students on this campus right now are headed towards bright futures of being accomplished doctors, award-winning authors, and influential public figures. But as Obama reminds us, we are not going to get to that point if we give up.

Our parents put \$45,000 worth of faith in us per year hoping that we are going to graduate having learned something that will help us to become successful. As Obama reminds us, however, we write our own destiny and choose our own future. We are the future of this country, so no matter how many times we fail, we have to get up and try again.

It took J.K. Rowling twelve tries to get her first Harry Potter book published. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Who's to say that one of our own students won't be the next big name if they just give it one more try? So no matter how many times you came elatedly close to curing cancer or starting that business you've always dreamed of, as Obama reminds us, our classes are giving us the creativity and ingenuity to succeed, even if you can't quite see it when that alarm starts buzzing at seven a.m.

Congress: wrong on health care

By DAVID EISENBERG
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Unless you lived in a cave this summer, you've probably heard a lot of shouting across the country about the health care proposals going through Congress. This yelling - which has more recently devolved into threats of violence, armed patrons, and actual violence - has been happening at town hall meetings (which would have been nice to have in the run-up to the Iraq War and during other dark chapters in the Bush administration) hosted by members of Congress. The noisy Republican constituents and politicians are not the only things wrong with the health care "debate" (if you can call it that), however, the Democrats in Congress have been completely impotent in coming to any sort of consensus as a party, most notably on health care. The truth is that the health care plan the Democrats are proposing really doesn't fix anything wrong with the current health care system. The sticking point has been the public option - a government-provided health insurance plan for those who decide not to stick with private insurance. The public option is just that: an option. No one would be forced to abandon private insurance plans if they are satisfied with what they have. The House Democrats are split on whether or not to provide a public option. What is looking more certain is that not everyone in the Democratic Party will be happy with what comes out.

Another major problem is the idea of a mandate for everyone to buy health insurance. With the public option's fate uncertain, such a mandate would be disastrous and would put more people at the mercy of private health insurance companies. The idea of a mandate is borrowed straight from the Massachusetts state health care plan. Although more people are insured there, they pay far more for it than anywhere else, mainly due to lack of price control. Even there, there is a public option, albeit a somewhat weak one. The consequences of a worse plan implemented nationwide is not something I would be willing to take. What is more, President Obama has had a hands-off role in the affairs of Congress with regards to the health care plan. This is discouraging when you consider that on the campaign trail, he said in no uncertain terms that there should be a public option for those who don't have health insurance or are dissatisfied with their private plan. He also criticized the idea of a mandate to buy insurance. Now, however, he has backed off from saying anything forceful one way or the other. He also has not told congressional Democrats that there needs to be a bare minimum in

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The failings of sovereign equality

By BENJAMIN LEFFELL
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The United Nations (UN) has become a cover for inaction, rather than a venue for conflict resolution and reform. One reason for this failure is its dedication to sovereign equality. Sovereignty, a fundamental tenet of international relations, argues that states have the right to exercise military, judicial, and political power over a defined population within recognized borders, without external interference. Sovereign equality suggests that all sovereign nations are of comparable legitimacy, thus meriting equal recognition. It is a beautiful concept, but when the vehicles of international diplomacy are held hostage by despotic regimes there is no meaningful forum to address fundamental disagreements, and the international community is rendered useless.

Though there is something to be said for creating an arena for all nations to gather, most UN member states are undemocratic. The practice of giving dictatorships votes in a democratic world body is outrageous. This is especially true when the dictatorships belong to and sometimes chair crucial UN bodies.

For instance, Cuba, China, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Russia sit on the UN Human Rights Council, and according to Freedom House's ranking of states based on political rights and civil liberties, all five received a rating of "not free." The outcome is that some of the most egregious offenders of human rights are able to evade sanction and even criticism since they are in a position to block resolutions that could embarrass

them. The wolves are watching the chicken coop.

Ironically, Libya has a seat on the UN counter-terrorism committee and UN Security Council. Since the early 1980's Libya has been considered a state sponsor of terrorism under the autocratic rule of Mu'ammar Qaddafi, and as expected, was rated as "not free" by Freedom House. The civilized world should be offended that an international organization whose stated aims are facilitating cooperation in international law, international security, human rights, and ultimately achieving world peace, would appoint a terror-sponsoring nation to oversee "human rights" and international security.

The UN's recent world conference on racism displayed graphically all the hypocrisies that usually accompany UN sponsored events. The UN planning committee was chaired by Libya, with Iran and Pakistan as the Vice-chairs. Cuba was the Rapporteur. Each of these countries is not free by our Western standards, or Freedom House's for that matter.

Safely protected from self-examination, the UN committee created a draft declaration that suggests that the United States, Western Europe and other liberal democracies are discriminatory against Islam and therefore fundamentally racist.

Another example of an unqualified council member was the comical appointment of Zimbabwe as the 16th chair of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. This was so pathetic and absurd in so many ways. Zimbabwe does not have enough electric power to keep its capital city running, and since the turn of

the century its economy has contracted by nearly 50%. Unemployment is roughly 80%, life expectancy has dropped from the mid-fifties to the mid-thirties over the last thirty years, and in July 2008 the annual inflation rate rose to 231 million percent. Since February 2009, due to a state of hyperinflation and regular rejection of the devalued currency, domestic business has been conducted in foreign currencies. Even without mentioning its failed political system, Zimbabwe does not appear to have the proved capacity to lead the world into a new era of sustainable development.

Because of the UN's dedication to sovereign equality, it does not truly represent the collective interest of the world's citizens. It's impossible to know what the collective interests are of the populations that suffer under autocratic rule. Why should anything from the UN be considered legitimate if it represents the expressed will of tyrannical regimes?

It is time for the UN to recover its sense of self; otherwise it is time for the United States to withdraw from the UN. Truly advancing the cause of human rights may require the international community to go beyond the framework of the United Nations. The United States and other countries that are committed to real advances have the power of the purse and are morally obligated to wield it. Currently, donations by the United States comprises 22% of the UN's budget. If that is withdrawn it might snap the UN back to its senses. If that does not work, then it will demonstrate that all along we've been wasting our money on a corrupt organization that has forgotten its true purpose. As John Bolton pointedly explained, "There is no such thing as the United Nations. There is only the international community."

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Getting away with murder

By ADAM YU
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Compassionate, caring, generous, kind, and humane. People all over the world tend to strive towards these valued qualities. We teach our children and students

to uphold these characteristics and we praise the saying "treat others the way you would like to be treated." Despite the emphasis on being good natured human beings, the acts of people have consistently shown the world that we are capable of horrifying, atrocious behavior.

Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, notoriously known as the Lockerbie Bomber, is one of those bad seeds who fails to respect any form of human life. On December 21, 1988, Pan American Flight 103 was rocked by an explosion and debris from the airplane crashed into areas of Lockerbie, Scotland. As a result, 270 people were murdered, including all of the passengers, crew, and numerous citizens of the town of Lockerbie. Most of those killed in the attack were American citizens, several of those were students from Syracuse University, Colgate University, and Brown University (169 passengers and 11 crew members).

In 2001, al-Megrahi was held responsible for planting the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103, convicted of murder within the Scottish legal system and sentenced to life imprisonment. But a mere eight years into his sentence, the Lockerbie Bomber was set free. What on earth could have justified this terrorist's release (it better have been a damn good reason)? In most cases, a convicted felon's sentence is cut short or overturned if he/she wins an appeal or is found to have been wrongfully accused. Not in the Lockerbie Bomber's case. Get this, he was "to be freed on compassionate grounds" due to his suffering from terminal prostate cancer. Doesn't that just make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside? He can receive mercy and compassion from the Scottish government, yet he did not have the class to offer any sort of sympathy to those 270 murdered sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, siblings, friends, grandchildren, and loved ones. The Lockerbie Bomber wants a chance to see his family before he passes away, those victims never got their last goodbyes. Let's not forget that al-Megrahi neglected to show the slightest bit of hesitation to kill.

It is not the responsibility of the free world to play nice with terrorists and extremists. This is a clear cut example of justice being thrown under the bus. Common practice among the West should be a firm stance against all convicted terrorists and a refusal to budge during tough times. Just look at the welcoming ceremony the Lockerbie Bomber received in Libya. He was treated as if he was a returning POW or a national hero. Al-Megrahi's freedom will only embolden future terrorists and reinforce the assumption that the free world will crumble under continued pressure from the Middle East and radicalized parts of Islam.

Speculation has arisen over the Scottish government's decision to release the Lockerbie Bomber. Unfortunately, economic reasons appear to be the overriding motive behind the release of al-Megrahi. A limited number of documents demonstrated Gordon Brown's, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, receptiveness to al-Megrahi's freedom. The British government has cited valuable contracts relating to oil exploration in Libya, the country where al-Megrahi was flown to, as motivation. If this turns out to be true, it will be an understatement to describe the situation as extremely disturbing.

We certainly are not doubting the suffering that goes along with prostate cancer, but we should question the validity of the Lockerbie Bomber's release. A terrorist who murdered 270 people is a mass murderer in the eyes of most societies. They never had the opportunity to escape from the suffering of their deaths and they will never have a second chance to experience being free from that plane. But their murderer gets to feel some relief and joy while spending his last months with his family and he got a second chance when he left that Scottish prison. I have some simple words for the Lockerbie Bomber, what comes around, goes around.

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their plan for him to approve it. This lack of initiative to do much of anything should disappoint anybody who wants meaningful progress on health care and many other issues.

While the Democrats have been busy fighting amongst themselves about what constitutes proper reform, Republicans have been united on the philosophy of "oppose everything that the Democrats support." It isn't enough that they have no real plan of their own to fix the health care system: it seems like every week there is something new and inane that they have a problem with on the Democrats' proposal. The most blatant among them is the "death panels" argument, which claims that the government will have say over which people can receive health care.

As I said before, nobody is forcing anybody to go on the public option (which Republicans also don't support on strictly ideological "government is always bad" reasons). Private health insurance companies, on the other hand, are quite guilty of this, as they stop insuring patients with serious conditions if they pose a threat to their profit margins. Yet the "death panels" myth is commonly thrown around by opponents of health care reform, whether they are town hall attendees or members of the House or Senate.

It's truly disheartening to see that there are hardly any reform-minded people in this debate. Anthony Weiner (D-NY), a truly principled congressman, has been trying to promote a single-payer system based on Medicare. This will surely fall on deaf ears, as everybody seems to be more interested in "fixing" health insurance instead of fixing the health care system. Whether or not Congress passes a bill, the only thing that is certain is that we will not have meaningful reform.

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Student group spreads awareness

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Coming off of their first year on campus, Active Minds has returned. The mental well-being of college students is an issue that deserves to be at the forefront of the campus community. Active Minds works to bring these issues into the light by spreading awareness and eliminating the negative stigma associated with issues of mental health. Kicking off the academic year with National Suicide Prevention Week, Active Minds set up tables in Seegers in order to support this important event.

Supportive ribbons were worn by Muhlenberg students and faculty, providing information about this topic and information about the Active Minds program.

Active Minds was founded in 2001 at the University of Pennsylvania by Allison Malmon. Promoting awareness and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health it has spread quickly to over 200 college campuses nationwide. After feeling the absence of such awareness at the College, Kelly Frazee '11, founded the College's chapter last year and the group immediately launched with a large response from students.

Active Minds sponsored and cosponsored such events as National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Mental Health Awareness Week and two of their most notable accomplishments: the campus community. Active Minds works to bring those issues into the light by spreading awareness...

Woman and Mental Health was an event in honor of Women's Month in March. It celebrated and supported women's personal experiences with mental health. Two speakers presented their experiences to an audience of over 50 students and the response ruptured on an hour-long question and answer period afterwards.

National Stress Out Day overtook the front lawn last April just before finals week. The event spread awareness about anxiety and encouraged de-stressing before finals. Students enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day which included performances by the Dynamics, Inacchord and M.I.A.

Students also enjoyed a make-your-own-stress-ball station, temporary tattoos, coloring books, hula hoops, Frisbees and Play-Doh and childhood snacks such as Dunkaroos and Goldfish. This campus wide event capped the end of Active Mind's first year at the College, solidifying its importance and effectiveness for college campus life.

The College's chapter has already been recognized by the national Active Minds Organization for their accomplishments. Commended as one of the fastest growing chapters in the country, Active Minds will continue spreading awareness with multiple events throughout the semester. Be on the look-out for National Day Without Stigma; part of a week long event focused on celebrating and recognizing the normality of mental health in order to evoke discussion, as well as support and help for the various ways it affects lives.

Active Minds, while it has accomplished a lot, is looking to accomplish even more this year. The first general meeting of Active Minds will be held Wed. September 16, at 5:30pm in Seegers 109.

Melting arctic: not inevitable

BY CARA LEMIRE
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It is common knowledge that our earth is facing a major crisis; global temperatures are rising, greenhouse gases are destroying the ozone, and natural disasters continue to plague and hinder human lives.

A recent study conducted by the national center of atmospheric research concluded that if it weren't for the emission of greenhouse gases, the temperature of the Arctic would actually be decreasing. The earth's orbit naturally produces a cooling pattern in the Arctic region. This conclusion illustrates the potency of greenhouse gas emissions, since they have reversed a natural cooling trend. This conclusion provides further evidence that disproves ignorant theories stating that the arctic would be warming despite the emission of greenhouse gases.

The most interesting aspect of this study, however, is its potential impact on the various campaigns against global warming. This conclusion has heightened the stakes for environmentalists everywhere, since additional evidence has surfaced supporting the fight against overconsumption and pollution. Environmentalists will continue to face daunting tasks as they promote modest consumption and green choices.

Environmentalists, celebrities, and politicians have attempted to reach the general public through advertisements, endorsements, and environmental campaigns for decades. While these attempts have been beneficial in promoting awareness, they have not been completely successful in slowing the melting process. In fact, as this study depicts, the temperature rises in the Arctic are abnormal in comparison to past trends.

CNN states that for thousands of years prior to the 20th century, the Arctic cooled at about 0.2 degrees Celsius per thousand years. This cooling trend, according to NCAR scientists, is a natural trend enforced by the earth's orbit. This cooling trend, however, reversed at the turn of the 20th century due to human activities. The Arctic's summer temperatures are now 1.4 degrees Celsius higher than they would have been if the cooling trend were able to continue uninhibited by human activities.

While all locations of various longitudes and latitude are suffering from the consequences of human activities, David Schneider, stresses the particular importance of the Arctic region. Schneider, an NCAR scientist comments on the significance of the Arctic compared to other regions. He concludes that "the arctic is particularly important, perhaps more than any other region on earth, [because it] is facing dramatic impacts from climate change." Scientists have expounded on David Schneider's comments, adding that the warming situation is most dramatic in the arctic because it has warmed, over the last century, three times as fast as any other region in the northern hemisphere.

While this news is dramatic, the reality of the situation is even more so. Scientists expect that this warming trend will continue into the next century, wreaking natural havoc as sea level's rise and land ice melts. CNN and NCAR scientists both agree that the warming of the Arctic threatens life on a global scale, and in order to slow the process there needs to be a serious decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. The reality of that proposition, however, will depend on the media's ability to influence the general public, and the general public's use of green technology.

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Student Government's first meeting of the semester foreshadows change

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
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Last spring, the Student Government radically changed the structure and nature of their body in an attempt to be more effective for their constituents. Some of these changes included alternating weeks of legislative meetings, creating new committees, and widening the divide between Class Councils and the government itself. As these changes were made at the closing of the academic year, there was little time to measure how these new changes would, if at all, be an improvement.

On September 3, the Student Government held their first meeting of the semester. This provided the very first glimpse of how these changes have strengthened or weakened the organization.

In the past, the first meeting of the fall semester has been when Representatives nominated and approved students to sit on academic and administrative committees. Sadly, this has also been the meeting where interim representatives have needed to be appointed for those members who have gone abroad or resigned. This combination of agenda items has traditionally led to a long first meeting.

In a marked improvement, only the latter was necessary this year. President Jon Falk '10, and his executive board, had already executed the committee appointments at the end of last year. This left the body free to elect new interim representatives at a much more expedited pace.

Among those elections, there were four vacancies left by representatives either abroad or resigned.

Jonathan Landau '12 was elected as a permanent Representative for the Class of 2012. Landau had been an active and vocal presence in the room over the past year, despite having lost his original bid for the position freshman year. Lindsay Walsh '11 was elected as an interim Representative for the Fall 2009 term. Jenna Piccininni '10 filled the open Representative position for the Class of 2010. Piccininni had been another familiar face at Student Government meetings, while not having actually been elected in the annual elections.

Jordan Sones '10 and Angela Lucci '10 both made a run for the vacant Vice President seat on the body's Executive Board. Sones, who held the position the previous year, was able to regain his seat.

Upon his election to the Vice-Presidential position, Sones was immediately given control of the floor by President Falk. This is part of the new structure established by the body last spring. The concept behind the change is that students elect a President to be their voice to the body and the administration, not just to conduct meetings. Whoever is at the podium running the meetings has always been hindered by their need to remain unbiased. With the Vice-President now conducting meetings, President Falk is free to voice his concerns on any issue.

An even more drastic change is an addition to the

regular meeting agenda called Constituency Comments. This came as a surprise to even the Representatives in the room, as the Executive Board introduced the new meeting section for the first time.

When questioned on the schedule addition, Vice-President Jordan Sones explained that, "...this time is for non-student government members to express their feelings, comments, and concerns about how we are doing and if they have any suggestions..."

While the meeting ran smoother than previous opening meetings have in the past, there are still several issues looming over the body's head. New structure in the government means unforeseen complications will arise as the year goes on.

The new Operations Committee is charged with handling any concerns that may arise as a result of these changes. Representative Catherine Souza '10 found the first of these issues during the meeting; The Henry Awards. Traditionally, this event was handled by the Sophomore Class Council, but was considered an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Student Government. With the division of the two bodies, the question becomes under which organization the annual event will fall.

While the new system seems to be making the meetings more efficient, it remains unclear what challenges still await as a result of said changes.

The next meeting of the Student Government will be at 7:00 pm on Sept. 17 in the 3rd Floor Haas conference room.

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An Unknown Impact

BY AMY BAUER
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For college seniors, all thoughts are centered around one singular question: what am I going to do with my life? Suddenly, seniors begin to question all of the decisions that they have made throughout their time here at Muhlenberg. Did I choose the right major? Am I going to get into graduate school? Will I ever be able to make money and have a career?

While these are all perfectly valid concerns that college students face, one student has decided to be a reminder that these are not the only thoughts we need be consumed with. Instead of being entirely focused on the question "What am I going to do with my life?" We must remind ourselves of the moments and the people that make life worth living.

"...we must remind ourselves of the moments and the people that make life worth living." In an effort to remind her fellow students of the greater picture, Senior Laura Sukonick, has created a project that she hopes will resonate with all people. She is collecting stories about random acts of kindness.

What she is looking for are stories about instances where a stranger or someone unexpected left a huge impact on another person by going out of his or her way to help.

The giver does not have to be a complete stranger, but they cannot be someone that the storyteller had a close relationship with. She invites anyone to submit their story, and additionally, a letter to that person, who must remain unnamed, explaining how and why their gesture made such a difference.

All submissions may also be done anonymously. Laura says that, "she simply aims to remind people of the difference they are capable of making to their fellow human beings, and the fact that most of the time they do not even realize the impact they have."

Laura hopes to eventually publish these stories, but for the time being she is planning on creating an online blog that would be accessible to anyone. More information regarding how to access these stories will be given at a later date.

To submit a story, or find out more information, e-mail Laura Sukonick at ls234991@muhlenberg.edu.

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A test group was formed of OIT staffers, admissions staff members, and students to see several presentations of what firms had to offer the Muhlenberg community.

Last June saw the plans of the new design finalized, and the website previewed once again to a test group. Overall the reactions have been reported to be quite positive to the new designs. Just last week, the President's staff was able to review the entire content of the website.

So when can students expect to see their new and improved website launch? According to Mike Bruckner, "it is hoped that the website will premiere either this week or next." With the designs completed, all that remains is to deliver the content. Over the course of the semester, information will be transferred from the existing website to the new one.

Students and Alumni should be getting excited as some of the technology and creativity have left room for social expansion. Student favored media like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube could potentially be added to the website expansion.

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into it." Toomey responded to Ms. Sweeney's question by stating that most Americans do not really get to choose their own health insurance plan. He claimed that a government-run plan, "...which is designed to have lower reimbursement rates than private insurance..." is a non-competitive plan.

"...most Americans do not really get to choose their own health insurance plan." Toomey concluded his answer by arguing that employers will pick up this government option and be forced out of private healthcare options.

After several other questions which varied in nature, from determining the actual cost of the federal healthcare plan to whether abortion is subsidized by the plan, the evening concluded by seeing too very different, but traditional political stances. By the end of the debate it became clear which of the candidates was aligned with which of the political parties.

Congressman Sestak represented the true ideals of the Democratic Party by advocating government intervention and government assistance. Fmr. Congressman Toomey displayed traditional Republican sentiment by encouraging lower taxes and limited government intervention.

Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 31 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2202 Gordon St., a fire alarm sounded due to burnt food. The system was reset with no further incident.

Sept. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2239 Liberty St., a fire alarm sounded due to burnt food. The system was reset with no further incident.

Sept. 2 – Found Property – On the first floor of the Center for the Arts a wallet was found and turned in. The owner was notified to pick the wallet up at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, a fire alarm sounded due to burnt food. The system was silenced and was reset with no further incident.

Sept. 2 – Sick Student – On the first floor of Ettinger, a person became sick. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified and responded. The person was later transported to the hospital.

Sept. 2 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified and responded. The patient refused medical transport.

Sept. 2 – Found Property – A reporting party dropped off two items that were left on shuttle van #5. The items were placed in the evidence locker until the owner comes to retrieve the items.

Sept. 3 – Suspicious Person – At Alpha Chi Omega (Millerheim House), an older man walked into the house uninvited. The reporting party asked him to leave and he did. Simplex was notified to respond to campus. The Director of Campus Safety was notified and a carpenter also responded to fix the door issue.

Sept. 3 – Sick Student – On the second floor of Moyer, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified to respond. The student was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 3 – Disruptive Conduct – Off campus there was a report of a noise complaint on Liberty Street. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued and was referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, a reporting party saw an individual with an open container walking into the room. Inside the room were several open containers and a bottle of liquor. All items were removed from the room by an officer. Referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 3 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, third floor, a reporting party saw an individual with an open container walking into the room. Inside the room were several open containers and a bottle of liquor. All items were removed from the room by an officer. Referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 4 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, a reporting party found an iPod. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker until the owner comes to claim it.

Sept. 4 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., a reporting party turned in a found sweater. The item was placed in the evidence locker until it is claimed.

Sept. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, the Fire Inspector called for Allentown Fire Department to respond due to a gas smell on the lower level of Prosser. The gas company responded, the building was evacuated, and the cause of the odor was found. It was determined that the building occupants were no longer in danger and the matter will be corrected.

Sept. 4 – Failure to Comply – In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a student who failed to evacuate during the fire alarm.

Sept. 4 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On the Front Drive, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. The individual was referred to the Controller's Office.

Sept. 4 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, a reporting party turned in a set of keys. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Sept. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an intoxicated person. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified. The person was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 5 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused to be transported.

Sept. 5 – Institutional Vandalism – In Brown Hall, a reporting party requested an officer to inspect vandalism to a light post. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 5 – Sick Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and the Health Center were notified and responded. The student refused medical transport.

Sept. 5 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost ID card and driver's license. The individual was advised on how to obtain new IDs.

Sept. 5 – Personnel Complaint – On campus, there was a personnel complaint concerning a College employee.

Sept. 5 – Lost Property – There was a report of a lost iPod in Seegers Union.

Sept. 5 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – On N. 22nd St., a Disruptive Conduct Report was issued for littering. Referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 6 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of criminal mischief. No further details are available.

Sept. 6 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a sign in the parking lot. There are no suspects at this time. A work order has been submitted to have the sign put back up.

Sept. 6 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – On N. Leh St., there was a report of trashing. Many cups and beer cans were in the area of Leh St. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations were notified to clean up the area.

Sept. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., a fire alarm sounded from cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 6 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of harassment. Both students were given no contact letters.

Sept. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, a fire alarm sounded due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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Life!

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fall TV: The five new shows you don't want to miss

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

The world of primetime network television is a war zone, and the casualties have been piling up. Last year alone, 41 primetime shows were cancelled. One would hope that the major networks would have good cause for such widespread destruction... one would be wrong. From the ashes of such shows as *Boston Legal*, *ER*, *Life*, *Prison Break*, *Pushing Daisies*, and *King of the Hill* the networks have provided veritable crap.

Christian Slater, fresh off his failure in last year's *My Own Worst Enemy*, stars in a cop-drama about missing persons called *The Forgotten*. Didn't we already see this show? I believe it was called *Without A Trace* (which was also cancelled).

The CW is putting its faith in *The Beautiful Life: TBL*, which follows a group of aspiring models. Besides Mischa Barton's breakdown, this show will only be remembered as Corbin Bleu's attempt to graduate from the Disney Channel and lots of sex. Sadly, the sex will also be the only reason it gets renewed for a spring term. NBC's *Mercy* is a medical drama only in production in an attempt to win over some of the *Grey's Anatomy* audience. CBS has elected to produce *The Good Wife*, which focuses on the wife of a politician after a scandal shatters his prospects and their lives. Such a topical show would be welcome, if the topic didn't turn boring after three or four episodes.

However, in this sea of

disappointment, there are some minor rays of hope.

While you may choose to play it safe and not watch any new shows, there are a few recommendations I'd like to make. These five shows, unfortunately, are the representatives of the best of the new shows being presented by the major networks.

#5. *Melrose Place* (Premieres September 8, The CW)

Hundreds, if not thousands, of writers migrate to Los Angeles every year to pitch their ideas to studio executives in the hopes of making it big. I would know, as after I graduate I will be one of those pathetic souls. In spite of such overwhelming odds, television is keen on remaking old ideas and reselling them to the youth of America.

For this reason alone, *Melrose Place* was beat out of a better ranking than *The Vampire Diaries*. On the bright side, *Melrose Place* will be sure to entice many viewers with the same strategies that brought back *90210* and has been keeping *One Tree Hill* limping on past its expiration date: teens, sex, and enough needless nudity to warrant a showing on HBO.

So with all of this negativity, why am I bothering to consider it a must-watch? The answer is simple: veteran teen drama actors. If one is forced to watch such frivolity on several networks, then why not watch the one with the best actors? Fans of ABC Family's *Greek* will welcome Michael Rady to primetime. Regular CW viewers will recognize actress Katie Cassidy (*Supernatural*),

and Shaun Sipos (*Complete Savages*). Stephanie Jacobsen's presence certainly adds credit to the show as she had more than earned her acting chops on critically acclaimed shows *Battlestar Galactica* and *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*.

#4. *The Vampire Diaries* (Premieres September 10, The CW)

It should surprise no one that vampires have become popular again in America. Not since Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise teamed up together for *Interview with a Vampire* has the phenomena reached such national proportions.

This new attempt at an old idea is based off of the popular *The Vampire Diaries* series by L.J. Smith, and already fans loyal to the book series are complaining about the adaptation. With Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series making such a smash on the big screens, and Charlaine Harris' *Sookie Stackhouse* series so successfully transitioned into HBO's *True Blood*, who can really blame The CW execs for taking a stab at it?

The show centers on small town girl-next-door Elena (Nina Dobrev) who falls for the fanged-but-soulful Stefan (Paul Wesley, *Everwood*). Trouble arrives in the form of Stefan's more blood thirsty brother, Damon (Ian Somerhalder, *Lost*). While I feel for fans of the book series over the executives decision to change Elena's sibling from a younger sister to a brother, I'm very pleased with the casting choice. Steven R. McQueen, grandson of legendary actor Steve McQueen, has made several powerful guest appearances over the

years and will finally earn his chance to shine. If you can ignore the overuse of fog and eerie music, than you might want to take a bite out of this latest CW offering.

#3. *White Collar* (Premieres October 23, USA)

USA's promotional campaign says it all: Characters Welcome. This NBC-sister network has been producing character driven dramas, comedies, and "dramadies" for several years now. This directive has earned them countless awards for veteran shows like *Monk* and critical praise for buddy comedies *Psych* and *Royal Pains*. Last summer's smash hit, *Burn Notice*, topped charts, and proved that USA was more sophisticated than usually given credit for.

Their latest proposal is the promising new show *White Collar*. Think about what would happen if *Catch Me If You Can* had produced a sequel with more comedy, and you've got the gist of this show. Matthew Bomer (*The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*) plays a successful con artist who is being pursued by a determined FBI Agent played by Tim DeKay (*Tell Me You Love Me*).

Once caught, the con artist and the G-man strike a deal to combine forces to catch other crooks. Can the lawman really trust his criminal partner, or is this just another one of his brilliant scams?

With the action-drama usually associated with *Burn Notice*, and the

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Gossip Guru back on the prowl

BY SASHA FIERCE
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Hey 'Bergers! Welcome back to a great new school year. Hope you all are ready to catch up on some of the hottest news happening in Hollywood.

Spotted: Lindsay Lohan partying with her 16 year sister, Ali out in LA- what a great role model Lindz is... Also, the cast of the hit TV show, *Gossip Girl*, was spotted around the city in some fab 1920's getup. So this summer Jade Goody passed away after a battle with cancer. Well, this week her widow Jack Tweed, has been accused of raping a young woman...ouch. New couple alerts: Khloe Kardashian is now seeing LA Laker, Lamar Odom. Rihanna has been spotted around with Mary Kate's

ex, Travis London. I'm sure anyone would be better to Rihanna than felon, Chris Brown. The Hangover Hottie, Bradley Cooper seems to be getting serious with the lovable Renee Zellweger after having been spotted bringing her to his hometown of Jenkintown, PA. Reunited? Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo were spotted together again after having split back in June. Am I the only one who wishes that Nick and Jessica were still together?

Just putting it out there, I am sick of Jon Gosselin and his attempts at being a complete media whore. And for everyone sick of all the MJ coverage since his tragic death, you can all be happy to know that he was finally laid to rest, with many of his close friends

and family in attendance. Another tragedy in the world of celebrity is the death of DJ AM, who was found dead in his NYC. You may remember DJ AM as one of the two survivors of the deadly plane crash last year. He will be missed by many all around the world. On a happier note, new Disney princess, Selena Gomez, has been named the youngest Ambassador for UNICEF! Congrats girl- we'll know you'll do a fab job.

Want to know something I don't plan on buying? It's Carmen Electra's new album, which will be dropping in October... Something I will buy The Backstreet Boys' new album, also hitting shelves in October (they're new single "Straight Through My Heart"

kills it.) New Arrival: Taye Diggs and wife Idina Menzel welcomed their first child, Walker Nathaniel Diggs! Congrats to the couple and best wishes for the future. Want to hear something weird? Osama Bin Laden has a thing for Whitney Houston... I'm a little creeped out, but after hearing Whitney's newest album, it's hard not to be a bit obsessed. Personal Opinion: Celebrities need to stop hashing out wars on Twitter. Between Miley and Justin, John Mayer and Perez Hilton, and now Spencer Pratt and Ryan Seacrest, it just needs to end and stop taking up text messages on my phone.

Well 'Bergers that's it for now.. If you have any tips email me at berggossipgirl@gmail.com. XOXO.

RX Bandits and Dredg rock Irving Plaza

BY NICK LAFALCE
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Whenever I told someone that I was going to see RX Bandits and Dredg co-headline a concert, I was sure to receive a puzzled look and response to go with it. While the two bands may be an odd pairing stylistically, it was nice to have such diversity in one night of music.

While I had just recently gotten into Dredg prior to the release of their new album *The Pariah*, *The Parrot*, *The Delusion*, I had been long acquainted with RX Bandits, seeing them three times prior to this night. Where the two bands differ in sound, they are similar in their shared vision of making MUSIC, for music's sake. In fact the Bandits have independently released their past two CDs and Dredg recently left major label Interscope to do the same.

As Tall as Lions opened the show, but I missed them due to problems at the door. I was very excited to see them and made sure to go the night they were playing, so all I can say about them is that they sounded great from downstairs and that if you are a fan of bands in the vein of Mute Math, you should check them out.

Dredg came out next, as the two headliners alternated dates. While I love Dredg and feel that they have great material and a great sound, their art/prog/rock is not the type to draw fans out to see them live. Despite how spot-on vocalist Gavin Hayes was along with the tightness of the rest of the band, their music is not very danceable and because of this, the crowd of RXB fans was not very responsive. I loved the song selection for the night and especially how they used instrumental interludes to keep the flow of the performance very fluid. A lot of this fluidity was a result of all members playing keyboard, including the drummer. They played a lot of new material including "Pariah," "Gathering Pebbles," "I Don't Know," "Savior," and "Information." They were also sure to play the crowd favorites from their previous album "Bug Eyes" and "Ode to the Sun".

They closed their set by starting with the instrumental "Down to the Cellar" and letting it grow into an epic crescendo. As the song reached its peak, roadies came onto the stage and started removing drums from the kit. As drums were being taken away, the band transitioned into the mellow "Cartoon

Show Room." The drummer was gradually simplified, piece by piece, until his final drum was taken away; at which point he turned to the keyboard. Eventually, like the drum set, each band member faded themselves out and gradually left the stage, leaving the piano to be the last thing heard. I've never seen anything like this before and thought that it was a great way to end a set (not to mention a way to save time in between bands).

Finally, it was time for RX Bandits to hit the stage. Promoting their new album "Mandala," these guys came out and immediately turned up the heat. While the once-ska gone prog/reggae/rock band had just finally lost their last horn player, what they lost in trombone they gained in having THREE drum sets on stage. This was surely an upgrade from a few random floor-toms in the past.

They started with a drum jam finally erupting into the beginning hits of "In Her Drawer", my personal all-time favorite of theirs. Next was "My Lonesome Only Friend," a new track that the whole crowd already knew all of the words to. To my surprise, the next song on the list was "Decrescendo," a song that they have previously ended every set I have seen

them with. It was clear that most of the full house was there to see 'those damn bandits' and they did not disappoint. They continued with "Dinna Dawg," "It's Only Another Parsec," the more classic "Consequential Apathy," "Mientras La Veo Soñar," "White Lies" (While mellow, still a high point of the night), "To Our Unborn Daughters," "One Million Miles An Hour, Fast Asleep," and ended with "Bring Our Children Home."

As has become tradition, the Bandits left the stage to a thunderous applause which soon turned to the crowd begging for its encore by means of singing the chorus to "Overcome."

Another politically charged anthem had everyone on their feet singing together "We've had enough of these politicians' wars/ All we need right now is love." They ended the show with a special version of "Only for the Night" featuring parts of "Bring it on home" by Sam Cooke. It was a great night of music and I urge you to support these artists!

Dredg's *The Pariah*, *The Parrot*, *The Delusion* and RX Bandits' *Mandala* are now available on iTunes, etc. Check out www.dredg.com and www.rxbandits.com for more details.

AMC Weekend Listings



Sorority Row

Fri. 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

Julie & Julia

Fri. 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 6:50

Inglorious Bastards

Fri. 3:00, 6:40, 9:45
Sat. 3:00, 6:40, 9:45
Sun. 11:00, 3:00, 6:40

Gamer

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 2:20, 4:40, 7:30

All About Steve

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:50

Whiteout

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:10, 8:00

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What do you think of the new "monkey bars" in Parents' Plaza?



"What is this, a playground?"
-Daniel Wayne '11



"Great Campus Safety Notes possibility!"
-Ben Levine '11



"What monkey bars?"
-Jordan Blumenthal '12

"They're not monkey bars! They're for stage lights!"
-Matthew Pearson '10



"I saw them put them up this summer."
-Kristin Lapos '11

E-rotica

By KEVIN TOMASURA
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Hogwarts watched the giant squid approach and felt apprehension well up in his kitchen.

"What are you doing?" The words weren't spoken, but they were understood.

"Just trust me," the giant squid replied, caressing Hogwarts' outerwalls.

"I'm not ready!" Hogwarts exclaimed, trying to push the giant squid away with his magic. "Hogwarts, you're lonely, I'm lonely. We don't have to be. Besides, you can't go around manipulating your staircases."

"You know about that!"

"Everyone does it. Sort of."

"That's beside the point. I've never..." The temperature within rose in embarrassment.

"I'll go slow. I promise." He began to caress a window, teasing it open. Hogwarts sighed, the fight leaving him. He relaxed, allowing the tentacle inside, where it brushed against the inner walls before settling on the stone floor. He fastened the suction cups to the floor, lifting the tentacle away so that it pulled on the floor without losing its grip.

Another sigh swept through the halls of Hogwarts.

"Oh, Merlin. That feels so good." His rapture turned to fright as he felt a tentacle work its way into a second window. "I don't—"

No Hogwarts, I don't wanna hear another word from that filthy mouth of yours because, frankly, I know exactly where it's been. You see Hogwarts, what you have here isn't quite as special as you've come to think, rather it's part of a growing, if not overflowing, trend of quite horrid online erotica. When you thought you were doing the nasty, you were really just earning a mere rating of "T", for what I believe is "teen". Face it; you qualify as soft-core, barely edging your way out of a boring "K+". Never did you come close the coveted "M" rating, let alone the mother of all ratings, the "MA". Maybe, just maybe, you should have saved yourself for mortgage.

But where do we get off finding this stuff filling cyberspace to its very boundaries? Where in the world did we progress to such a point where we could break the inherent taboos of interspecies and inter-constructural love affairs? To put it simply, this is merely an evolution.

Naturally, as the internet grows and develops, and this ethereal medium builds upon itself, it evolves. What may have begun as no more than a musing on the potentials of space age interconnectivity, has become much less a novelty, a tool or a privilege, and much more a necessity, escape and an tangentially-friendly cesspool of mental and moral deviations.

The more the public is overexposed to the workings of this digital water cooler, the more they gain comfort with its potentials. For every second they become entranced by its immeasurable capacities, they slowly shed off the barriers of rationality, practicality, and morality.

As with every development in technology it is only a matter of time until it goes from cutting edge to just plain edgy. I'm sure that when the internal combustion engine was created it didn't take long for someone to think of how they could apply it to "internal combustions" of a much different kind. And such is the same for the internet: its lifetime running only shortly, but hardly running short on an abundance "original" erotica.

You see Hogwarts, what you thought was a special moment in the life of all magical buildings, was actually no more than the harsh violation of your, "structural", integrity by the long arms of an oversaturated medium. The internet has rushed right through its stage of Victorian values and found itself well past the brink of a sexual revolution.

Through the pioneering of radical schools of thoughts, and brave directors, authors, and visual poets, progress has been made in desensitizing the world to the point of numbness. And it has been porn, that brave frontiersman that dares to go where no man, girl, monkey or cup has gone before (or even thought they could go before), that has done this. You see Hogwarts, there were days when the flash of a tit could have aroused the minds of any young school boy. But those days are past. No self-respecting nine-year-old would be caught dead driving stick shift to something as tasteful as burlesque because, if he really wants respect it will come from the grotesque.

You see Hogwarts, what you have with this squid is just a byproduct of something larger than yourself, and larger (surprisingly) than even those girthy tentacles you've come to love. You owe this encounter to the fantastical and creative minds of those who now feel safe to say goodbye to their superego once and for all, and we owe you a thank you.

With trash like this filling the internet we will feel a little more at home to litter our own trash about.

(The excerpt of this story is owed to Lyrus Malachi and Fanfiction.net. It comes with the disclaimer: The characters within the story solely belong to JK Rowling and Warner Brothers.)

Life! Quiz

By ADAM BERNSTEIN
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After a summer bursting with celebrity news and gossip,

there is certainly a lot to know about our entertainment industry today. Test your knowledge with our quick quiz, and no cheating! (The answers are below.)

1. Michael Jackson was buried in the same mausoleum as all the following except who?
 - a. Clark Gable
 - b. Judy Garland
 - c. Jean Harlow
 - d. W. C. Fields
2. Which primetime broadcast news anchor has recently announced their retirement?
 - a. Katie Couric
 - b. Brian Williams
 - c. Charles Gibson
 - d. Bill O'Reilly
3. What Beatles song is gaining popularity due to a once-in-a-century date?
 - a. Number Nine
 - b. Eight Days a Week

When I'm Sixty-Four
4. What politician will be appearing on this season of Dancing with the Stars?
 - a. Newt Gingrich
 - b. Tom DeLay
 - c. Al Gore
 - d. Sarah Palin
5. What star of The Sopranos recently directed their first film?
 - a. James Gandolfini
 - b. Michael Imperioli
 - c. Edie Falco
6. Who was not nominated for an Emmy award this year?
 - a. Alec Baldwin
 - b. Sally Field
 - c. Jay Leno
 - d. Jon Stewart
7. What Tucker Max novel-turned-film will be released this year?
 - a. I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell
 - b. I Hope They Serve Tequila in Hell
 - c. I Hope They Serve Whiskey in Hell
8. Who was the director of the summer hit, Taking Woodstock?
 - a. Steven Spielberg
 - b. Woody Allen
 - c. Ang Lee
 - d. Clint Eastwood
9. What 3-D movie was this summer's highest grossing film?
 - a. Inglourious Basterds
 - b. The Final Destination
 - c. District 9
 - d. G. I. Joe
10. What longest-running scripted television program will go off air this week after 15,762 episodes?
 - a. One Day at a Time
 - b. General Hospital
 - c. The Price is Right
 - d. Guiding Light
11. What late-night show will begin its 35th season this fall?
 - a. Saturday Night Live
 - b. The Tonight Show
 - c. Larry King Live
 - d. Nightline

Answers: 1b, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5b, 6c, 7a, 8c, 9b, 10d, 11a,

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buddy-buddy humor of *Psych*, USA has created an unstoppable hit. Be sure to catch it if you can in October; you won't be disappointed.

#2. *Flash Forward* (Premieres: September 24, ABC)

Imagine if you, and the rest of the world, blacked out for 2 minutes and 17 seconds. Imagine that during that time you caught a glimpse of your life 6 months into the future. What if you weren't married to the same man? What if you had become a celebrity? What if you didn't see any future at all? This is the premise of *Flash Forward*, the new primetime ABC drama.

The show is getting rave reviews and being taken very seriously as David S. Goyer, the man behind *The Dark Knight*, is leading this exciting new endeavor.

With mystery-filled powerhouse *Lost* ending in the Spring, ABC is not shying away from comparing the two dramas. In fact, two of the stars of the show are *Lost* graduates: Dominic Monaghan, who played fan-favorite Charlie, and Sonya Walger, who portrayed love-interest Penny.

Those worried about dealing with *Lost*-like issues such as slow plotline revelations need not worry. Producers of *Flash Forward* are promising that all Season 1 questions will be answered by the close of the season finale in May.

With primetime packed with supernaturally focused drama, I highly recommend this more original sci-fi concept. The show also stars John Cho (Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay), and Joseph Fiennes (Shakespeare in Love).

#1. *Glee* (Premieres: September 9, FOX)

Don't be turned off by the idea that this is just some primetime rip-off of the *High School Musical* franchise. Anyone who suggests such a thing should be slapped on site.

Obviously, it would be ridiculous to not relate the two, as the popularity of the Zac Efron-led trilogy can be attributed with the good time slot given to the freshman musical-comedy. Instead focus on the fact that *Nip/Tuck* creator Ryan Murphy is helming this amazing new show. Quirky doesn't even begin to describe the type of humor involved with this show.

The show follows a rag-tag glee club as it endeavors to make a place for itself in the hierarchy of High School, of which it is the poor peasants. Leading the group is the self-obsessed Rachel (Lea Michele, *Third Watch*) and football playing-outcast Finn (Cory Monteith, *Kyle XY*). Along for the ride

are social freaks like a stuttering singer, a handicapped band geek, an overweight diva, and a boy who embodies the stereotype of a gay musical fan.

However, when they come together they sound amazing.

The pilot is outrageously funny with plotlines like teachers planting drugs on students, flying milkshakes, and a cheerleading coach shouting obscenities at her squad.

Most importantly, let's not forget the music. Nowhere in the *High School Musical* series would you see a teacher singing "Gold Digger" or hear one of the most amazing renditions of "On My Own" since it premiered on Broadway. The renditions of "Don't Stop Believin'" gave me goose-bumps it was so amazing.

Don't wait too long to catch up, because all of your friends will be talking about this one.

The Truth is Ugly

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Think about the last time you've seen a truly incredible romantic comedy.

Chances are you're coming up completely short. The words "incredible" and "rom-com" simply cannot coexist in this day and age. It's about as oxymoronic as an ethical government.

The Ugly Truth follows in the tradition of the recent romantic comedic "duds" that have been shoved down our consumerist throats at an alarming rate.

The Ugly Truth takes the mediocrity of this dying genre to all new lows, however. Trent Haaga, the screenwriter, seems to be trying to cash in on the prevailing (and lucrative) culture of the "raunchy comedy", by trying to fuse sexist one-liners with romantic notions.

Instead of creating a mixed breed, the movie falls short of either of its intended purposes. There isn't enough romance to make a girl dizzy with glee, or enough well written jokes for the audience to even bother working up the energy to laugh.

Not even the mega-watt stars can save this horror of a film.

Katherine Heigl, coming from box office smashes like *Knocked Up* and *27 Dresses*, seemed to be the perfect

celebrity for this part. She showed that she could play both the foul-mouthed comedienne and the hopeless romantic in each of her respective films.

However, Abby Richter comes off as a romantically challenged dim-witted morning show producer who has unbelievable control issues and no fashion sense. She can't seem to hold a guy down because of her apparent inability to grasp what guys want (though gagging on hot dogs, spilling soda on your date, and being caught looking into a guy's window from a tree branch lookout may also have a little something to do with it...).

Cue in Scottish native Gerald Butler as Mike Chadway, a sexist and perverted American machismo on a serious power trip. Chadway is a leading expert on what men and women really want, and shares his pig-headed "ideals" through that of public access television.

The more crass he is, however, the higher the ratings go, and poor Abby is left to sulk and ponder as to the public's unapparent desire for this kind of entertainment (don't worry Abby, I'm

with you).

Of course this wouldn't be a love story if all the two main characters did were fight. However, being the nice guy he is, Chadway agrees to share his pearls of wisdom with the lonely, spinster Abby, so that she may snag the guy of her dreams.

The terms of the agreement states that if Abby keeps the guy, Chadway keeps his job. If the relationship expires, so does Chadway's employment.

With Chadway whispering directional advice via earpiece on Abby's dates however, it'll be a miracle if she doesn't win the heart of the new doctor living next door (though how she can make sense of Butler's advice, when each of his American accented words is massacred into oblivion is the real miracle here if you ask me).

Because the romantic aspect is so apparent, one may ask where the comedy comes into play.

While there's plenty of chauvinistic remarks from Chadway's corner that are intended to have audiences rolling in the aisles, there are more awkward scenes that have audiences recoiling

and lowering themselves in their seats than comedic ones.

One particular cringe-worthy scene is when the screenwriter takes a stab at reenacting one of *When Harry Met Sally's* iconic moments.

In this scene, Heigl's Abby, recaps the benefits of one of Chadway's more...sensual...gifts, that of vibrating underwear, which causes her to produce an orgasm faker than Sally's own fictitious climatic moment.

Sorry Abby, but no one wants what you're having.

Between the fake orgasms, sweaty salsa dancing, and hot air balloons, this romantic comedy never fully takes off, no matter how hot and sexy the stars may be.

Besides the fact that it seems as if this has all been done before (the love oppressed girl falls for the misguided lothario), *The Ugly Truth* seems to have taken the rom-com deeper into a black hole of obscurity.

With its propensity for four-letter words and sexual innuendoes, it is really starting to seem as if nothing is safe or sacred anymore for the future of chick flicks.

The bottom line: This movie is almost as bad as (if not worse than) Butler's fake American accent.

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Honor the old; on with the new



Cav's Korner

By BUDDY CAVALIERE

Another year has come and gone and it is once again time for the Intramural year to begin. First and foremost, I'm sure you're all wondering why this column is entitled "Cav's Korner" rather than "Cav's Corner." The answer is simple. A great man by the name of Matthew Katz, Class of 2009, started writing this intramural column last year and it was called "Katz's Korner," so The Weekly and I have decided to

keep the K in honor of Matt. This opening column also seems like a great opportunity to go ahead and thank graduates

Rocky DeLuca and previously mentioned Matt Katz for all they did for the intramural program over the past few years. It is very clear to everyone that the program would not be any where near where it is today without the two of them.

Intramural Flag Football will be the first men's sport of the year and Intramural Outdoor Soccer will be the first women's sport. Everyone is unsure of what to expect from the women's soccer program but there seems to be a lot of hype about it and the IM community is expecting a great turnout this year.

Flag Football promises to be another very competitive season with some of the top teams and players returning as well as some new players entering the league that are sure to be impact players.

With the season rapidly approaching the IM Committee had a meeting to cast their votes on who deserves pre-season first team honors. The offensive first team is headed by the infamous Bob Ward's son Brian Ward at quarterback. Brian was also voted the pre-season MVP.

The first team receivers are Senior Tom Gambuzza, Senior Dan Fisher, and Junior Chris Harper. All three of them were standout players last year and are sure to bring back some of the same this year. The first team offensive line is Senior "Uncle Ken" Marciano, Junior Seth Hershman, and Sophomore Will Falco.

The defensive first team is an interesting mix of some returning players with some new ones that will definitely be making a difference for their teams. Returning players on the team include Senior Dave Emerson, Senior Diego Gomez, Senior Jeremy "Jer-Bear" Marcus, and Senior Ivan Brown. Some new players that will have some pressure on them to live up to the expectations after earning first team nominations are Junior Sam "The Prince" Koch, Senior Ryan Malarick, and Junior Bill Sholly. The preseason prediction for the best return man of the year goes to Senior Ari Jacobson.

The preseason favorite to win the league has got to be Team Ramrod. A team full of ex-Muhlenberg football players is predicted to dominate most of the season. The team entered last year's season with just as high expectations as this year but was shockingly upset in the first round of the playoffs. Other teams to look out for are The Soul City Symphony led by first teamers Chris Harper and Will Falco and The

Perculators led by the preseason MVP Brian Ward. Both of these teams showed they could hang with the best last year and are looking to come out and win a championship this year.

This season will definitely be one full of great games and no shortage of big plays. There are a ton of great athletes coming back with one thing on their mind: winning the highly coveted IM Champ T-shirt.

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Summer proves to be more than "just a vacation"

By ALAN BASS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

At the end of the 2008 summer, I decided to start looking for internships for my summer after my first year of college. A bit early, I know, but I was already pessimistic in my abilities to find something to do in my summer leading up to sophomore year.

I emailed Jason Kay, the editor-in-chief of the The Hockey News magazine, the top-selling hockey publication in North America; it is also known in the hockey world as "The Hockey Bible." To my surprise, he responded within a week and informed me that he was interested but that I would have to show him that I was serious about my writing.

Immediately, I got jobs writing for various media outlets, including The Muhlenberg Weekly and a few other known hockey websites.

After being accepted to the internship in February 2009, I was told to find a place to live in Toronto for the two-and-a-half months that I would be living in Toronto, Ontario. I ultimately found a home at the University of Toronto's main campus in downtown Toronto.

Although my first day was slightly shaky, mainly due to me not being able to find the correct building for 30 minutes and wandering around the correct building (which is actually owned by Nestle) for 20 minutes, it was later apparent that this internship was the job for me.

Upon my entrance, I was introduced to the members of The Hockey News' magazine staff: Ryan Kennedy, Sam McCaig, Ken Campbell, Ryan Dixon, Brian Costello, Ted Cooper, John Grigg, Ed Fraser, Rory Boylen, Adam Proteau and Jason Kay. I was unsure of how to conduct myself in the office, never having worked in a place as "big and important" as THN.

However, within ten minutes of our first meeting, I discovered that the way work was conducted was extremely casual and a great deal of fun.

I mean, why wouldn't it be fun, to tell you the truth? Eight hours a day of

researching, writing and talking about hockey? If that's not paradise for me, then I don't know what is.

The next couple months were among the best I have ever known.

The first week of my time at THN, I was delighted to be taken to the NHL Scouting Combine by Ryan Kennedy, a columnist for the magazine and the website. At the event, I was treated to hours upon hours of meeting and talking to prospects that were the same age as me, General Managers that I strive to be and other important people I never thought I'd talk to in a million years.

Brian Burke, the GM of the Toronto Maple Leafs even smiled at me, which is, for those of you that don't know, a complete aberration.

The remainder of my summer was filled with learning opportunities and more hockey talk. In addition to the hockey aspect, I also had the pleasure to explore the city of Toronto, which is one of the nicest cities I've been to.

I attended a Phillies-Blue Jays game, I climbed the CN Tower, I took a ferry to Toronto Island and walked to Hanlan's Point, I walked by the legendary Maple Leaf Gardens and walked inside the hallowed grounds of the Air Canada Centre. I went to the esteemed Hockey Hall of Fame (an unprecedented four times. In fact, I believe I personally ended Canada's recession with the amount of money I spent). I even ate at Wayne Gretzky's restaurant and paid 20 dollars for a bowl of pasta.

As my time at THN came to a close, I realized that it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. From the THN interns' Stanley Cup Final Game 7 party to hackeysack in the park outside to claiming we were Nestle employees to get a discount in the company store, the summer was a blast and something that will be sealed in my mind forever.

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Mules Cross Country is off to the races

BY JOY FORLENZA
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's men and women cross country teams opened up the season with a strong start this past Friday! Both teams placed 4th at the Lehigh Valley Championships, hosted by Lehigh. Junior Bobby Torphy, who came in 6th place and was the first Division III runner across the line, led the men's team. The women's team placed 1st out of the four Division III schools at the meet, led by Junior Kate Mahoney (second among Division III athletes), who finished in 11th place. They were only outplaced by Division I and II schools Lehigh, Lafayette, and Kutztown.

It is also a great start for Kelly Curry, returning for a second year as an Assistant Coach to both cross country teams, and David Bracetty, Muhlenberg's new cross country coach. You may have heard of him before: he was an assistant coach to the Muhlenberg track and field teams this past spring, working with the mid-distance runners. He replaces Will Elson, who left to become a graduate assistant at East Stroudsburg University after three years of coaching at Muhlenberg.

Coach Bracetty brings a lot of experience into his new position. Previously, he was a track and field runner for East Stroudsburg and was named a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete. Following his graduation from East Stroudsburg in 2008, he earned his Level One USATF Coaching Certification and was an assistant cross country coach at William Allen High School that fall. Additionally, Bracetty is a freelance photographer for running magazines such as Runner's World and Trackshark.com and he has served as a

public relations assistant at the Reebok Grand Prix, Millrose Games, and Penn Relays.

Both teams will face the challenge of upholding their solid reputation, after having won the Mule/Falcon Classic meet at home. Even more impressive though, both teams had athletes that set school records and that placed very high in meets above Division I and II teams. However, facing the challenge should be of no concern for either team. Two of the top male runners graduated this past spring, but the remaining strong group of male runners, Senior Patrick Thornton, Juniors Bobby Torphy (who led the Men's Team on Friday), Rob Nihen, and Ryan Wilson, Sophomore Steven Monteleone, will carry the team forward.

Luckily, the women's team did not lose any Seniors but has welcomed six new Freshmen. The team has noteworthy returning talent in Juniors Kate Mahoney, Kim Bier, Abby Simons, and in Sophomore Melissa Ugelow. As Junior Cross Country runner Kate Mahoney puts it, "With six new Freshmen, we have a very young team but everyone is very committed, wants to do well and maintains high expectations. While we only have one Sophomore and no Seniors, making the bulk of the team Freshmen and Juniors, we are a solid set of runners allowing experience and young talent to mix." She also adds, "I know I am excited for this season and the potential it holds and I think we're all stepping in the right direction to make the season a memorable one."

Both Muhlenberg teams will be running in the Dickinson Long/Short Meet on Saturday, September 19.

On the pitch, it's not going the Mules' way

BY DANIEL E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

"It's on our Varsity Field," laments Junior Midfielder Evan Rubin. "We have a lot of fan support behind us. We just can't lose at home,"

he adds explaining the team's view on home games.

This has not been the case for the Men's Soccer Mules (1-2, 0-0) as they are coming off a heart breaking defeat from New Jersey's Montclair State University (3-0, 0-0).

On Saturday, Sept. 5th, the Red Hawks beat our beloved Mules 2-1 in a game that could have easily gone the other way.

In the 23rd minute, the Mules gave up a goal to break a 0-0 tie. Coming off of a free kick, Red Hawk Senior Joe Cullen crossed the ball to his twin brother, Senior Michael Cullen, who had broken free of the Mule defense. With a quick flick of the head and a well placed ball, the score was 1-0.

'Berg answered back ten minutes later when Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini made a set of Red Hawk defenders missed and fired a shot from just inside the penalty box. Aimed at the low right corner of the goal, Antonini scored in what he described as "a good look at the open part of the net."

In the second half, everything seem to go in favor of the Red Hawks. At the 74th, the official called a penalty against the 'Berg defense that set up a free kick for Montclair State just outside the Mule's penalty box. With a crafted shot, Joe Cullen put the Red Hawks ahead for good.

This was the second loss for Mules in just a week's time.

The Mules play again on the road when they will face off with Wilkes College on Thurs., Sept. 10, and Moravian University on Wed., Sept. 16.



Senior Midfielder Adison Weseloh and the Mules had a tough game on both sides of the ball.

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Mules come up just short in 14-12 loss

By BEN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

The Mules (0-1, 0-0) were up 10-0 and looked strong going into halftime during the first game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Wilkes College (1-0, 0-0).

However, a rough second half, which included four turnovers, resulted in a 14-12 Muhlenberg loss.

The Mules started the game with a 63-yard drive that culminated in a 17-yard field goal by Junior Kicker Michael Katz. The offense was sparked again early in the second quarter with an 83-yard drive ending in a 5-yard Touchdown run by Freshman Running Back Terrence Dandridge. This drive was dominated by the Freshman duo of Dandridge and Quarterback Justin Kreamer, who were automatic during the possession. The Mules' defense also showed up early, holding the Wilkes Colonels to only 12 rushing yards in the first 30 minutes of play.

The Colonels stopped any further damage on the last play of the half when they blocked a 21-yard Field Goal attempt, keeping the score at 10-0.

The Colonels' defense, still fired up from the blocked kick, set the defensive tempo for the second half holding the Mules to 12 yards on their first drive. Wilkes took advantage of the change in momentum and pushed the ball 91 yards up field resulting in a 37-yard Quarterback option on fourth down. On the first play of the fourth quarter, a Muhlenberg pass was intercepted in the end zone ending a promising drive. Later in the fourth, the Colonels forced another interception giving the ball to Wilkes on the Mules 15. On the next play, the Colonels' Quarterback threw for the winning touchdown. The Mules didn't give up their charge into Wilkes territory, but the possession ended in another interception.

With 11 seconds left in the game and the Colonels on their own 16-yard line, they chose to run out of the back of the end zone and take the safety rather than punting the ball. This left the Mules with five seconds left to produce something spectacular on the kick return. However, after three laterals, the Mules fumbled the ball as time

expired.

Muhlenberg football is coming off of two stunning seasons. Since 2000, the Mules are 43-16 with a .729 winning percentage. In 2007, the team was ranked second in Division III football and became the first to go undefeated in the program's history.

Several sensational players have moved on from the program, leaving big shoes to fill, particularly on offense. However, the Muhlenberg team has a great amount of depth and youth, so do not count the Mules out just yet. Inexperience is not equated with an inability to play football, proven Saturday by the two Freshmen Dandridge and Kreamer. Dandridge outgained the entire Wilkes ground game by rushing for 120 yards on 29 carries, including one touchdown, in his first collegiate game (the 1st Freshman Mule, since 1977, to rush for over 100 yards in his first game). Although plagued late by interceptions, Kreamer completed 56 percent of his passes for a total of 212 yards. The offensive line contributed greatly to Kreamer's comfort in the pocket, allowing him to be sacked only once.

The Mules quick defense, ranked 14th in Division III last year, is returning seven starters from last year's team. Saturday, the defense continued last year's success, applying constant pressure to the quarterback and only allowing 261 yards compared to Muhlenberg's offensive production of 381. Juniors Andy Curley (four tackles, one sack, and a 30-yard run on a fake punt) and Scott Gavin (seven tackles) led the defensive effort.

The experience of the veterans and potential of the younger players, combined with the experience of Centennial Conference Coach of the Year Mike Donnelly, make the Mules a formidable team. While this may be called a "rebuilding year," this team could still be a contender in the Centennial Conference. Saturday's loss is also diminished due to the fact that five other teams in the conference also lost. The Mules have next Saturday off, but will return home to play Union on Sept. 19.



Left: Freshman Running Back Terrence Dandridge rushed for 100 yards in his first game as a Mule; Right: The Wilkes University Special Team blocks a Mule's Field Goal attempt at the end of the 1st Half.

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Students hit by car on Chew Street



Chew Street on an average day.

PHOTO BY JOSH PHILLIPS

BY MATT PEARSON
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 11, 2009 at 11:30pm, two Muhlenberg students were hit by

a car while crossing Chew Street. The driver of the vehicle was also a Muhlenberg student. The two injured students were transported to Cedar Crest Hospital.

It has since been learned that the students did not sustain any critical injuries for an accident of this nature. The driver of the vehicle in question was not given any citations for the accident.

Two members of the Muhlenberg community were instrumental in the safe outcome of the accident. Roz Bachman, who works the overnight shift at Seegers Union, and Taylor Johnson '10 were the first to arrive on the scene. For their efforts in calming bystanders and ensuring the injured students safety they received the Superstar Service Award.

This is not the first time that such an incident has occurred at Muhlenberg College, or on Chew Street specifically. On Nov. 8, 2004 a student was struck by a vehicle while bringing food back to her dormitory. The student in the 2004 incident was also using the crosswalk between Seegers and South, Robertson and Benfer Halls.

The Muhlenberg Weekly in 2004 quoted, then Director of Campus Safety, Ken Lupole, as saying that such an accident hadn't occurred in "... a very, very long time; probably close to 12 years." This makes the accident of Sept. 11, 2009 at least the third time a student has been hit by a car at Muhlenberg College. Also, this

marks at least the second time at that specific crosswalk that a car accident has occurred.

Students are understandably upset by the incident. Many are reminded of how close they have come to being on either side of the situation. Most upperclassmen have cars and travel the length of Chew Street on Muhlenberg territory quite regularly. Every student on campus has used at least one of the crosswalks of Chew Street.

Despite the fact that Pennsylvania law is quite clear that cars must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, many do not. Just last week one student reported that a group of students were forced to wait as approximately a dozen cars decided not to yield to the students who were obviously trying to cross. By the time the cars had cleared the crosswalk, the group on each side had reached double digits.

"It's really frustrating how the Allentownies refuse to yield for students" says Steven Mintz '12. What remains to be seen is a solution to these incidents. After the 2004 accident, plans were made to post signs in the center of the crosswalk to warn drivers of the locations of the crosswalk.

According to Tom Daugherty, current Director of Campus Safety, the yield signs were discontinued after they were hit by several cars and stolen. Currently, yield signs have been posted on either side of the street. As many Muhlenberg students have learned first hand, these are not always effective. However, after three of these accidents, it is clear that something more must be done to ensure the safety of the students

New year, new Provost

BY JENNIFER ARNER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

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Ramsay, Ph.D. began his term as the Provost of Muhlenberg College replacing Dr. Marjorie Hass, who left to take a position as the President of Austin College in Sherman, Texas. As such, he oversees all academic department heads and manages all fiscal and personnel aspects of the academic program.

Other duties as Provost include, overseeing the Deans of Academic Life, the Wescoe School, and international programs, the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, the Registrar's office, the Martin Art Gallery, the Center of Ethics, the Entrepreneurship Institute and the RJ Fellowship Program.

Ramsay earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bucknell University and went on to receive his Ph.D. in educational studies from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In following years, he served as the Chair and Director of the Teacher Education Program at Dickinson College, an Associate Dean at Carleton College, and in the recent years, prior to coming to Muhlenberg, was the Hollis L. Caswell Professor and Chair of the Educational Studies Department at Carleton.

When asked what had initially attracted him to Muhlenberg College he responded "the people and their energy, innovativeness, thoughtfulness, kindness and general love of Muhlenberg." What struck him most about the College community was that "the faculty, staff and students all have a great affection for the College, campus, and quite often, for each other." The opportunity to "work with people who work well together on behalf of the College and honestly enjoy working together" was something that both excited and appealed to Ramsay.

Although he may be new to the College, Ramsay is not exactly new to the area. Growing up in Philadelphia he was not unfamiliar with the city of Allentown. Now living within walking distance to the College, he admits that moving here from a very rural Minnesota was a bit of an adjustment. However he remarks that the amount of green space surrounding the College and the rest of the city is very impressive. "The

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Where's the respect?

The MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) are always quite the spectacle. This year however the show was simply horrifying with its only worthy moments being the Michael Jackson tribute, Pink's trapeze performance and Beyonce giving Taylor Swift the moment she deserved.

First off, Lady Gaga, when you were picking your wardrobe for the night did you wander into a Halloween costume store, thinking it was your closet? Wanting to be different is one thing, but seriously, a bird's nest is in no way, shape, or form a hat. Also, Twizzlers are meant to be eaten, not dressed up as.

Now that that's out of the way, Kanye West has been known to be quite vocal when he loses, but this time someone else lost! When Taylor Swift won the award for Best Female Video of the Year, Kanye ran up on stage and said "I'm really happy for you, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time." No matter how close he and Beyonce are, there is absolutely no excuse for him being downright disrespectful. To run up on stage and literally grab the microphone out of Taylor's hand and shout that someone else deserved it over her is childish and disrespectful to Taylor and the rest of the American music industry. It was refreshing to see the audience support Taylor, giving her a standing ovation when Beyonce, knowing how exciting this award was for young Taylor, let her come back up on stage to finish properly accepting her award.

The saving grace of this year's VMA's was inarguably Pink's performance of her hit single "Sober." Through her entire performance she was upside down in the air, literally on a trapeze. The best part - she actually sang, not lip-synched!

We understand that the VMA's are meant to be pure entertainment, and especially this year there was no shortage of that. What we must remember is that these awards are important to the people who work hard to provide a continuous flow of new music and entertainment. For their sake, a little bit of class goes a long way. Maybe setting a dress code or restraining certain persons with obnoxious, disrespectful tendencies to their chairs should be topics of discussion for next year's producers.

The value of forgetting about your resume

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
WEEKLY OP/ED EDITOR

John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Community service has always been stressed in this country.

It is still alive, but it is stressed for a far different and less honest reason.

When applying for a job or for admission to a college, community service is a great addition to an application. However, it seems that having done community service has become less about serving the community and more about building a strong resume. This is good for society on the one hand, the community is more beautiful or less fortunate people are getting help. But, the reasoning behind doing community service leads to a worse society in the long run.

The whole process of doing things because it will look good on a resume leads to a less healthy society. Think of how worse off our country would be if Hemingway had been a waiter rather than going to Spain to cover the Spanish Civil War or if Kurt Cobain had worked in the mail room of an office rather than forming Nirvana.

Every day we are reminded of the need to have a strong resume. There are flyers around campus advertising a tutoring program for children in Allentown. My first thought was: "That would feel great to help kids having trouble in school." But, almost simultaneously I thought: "That would look good on my resume." Sure enough, on the bottom of the page it said: "Looks great on a resume!"

It seems that so many of our experiences are not judged by the knowledge, fun, or understanding of our world that comes with the experience, but by the effect it will have on our career or the direct or indirect monetary compensation we will receive.

More and more of us are falling into the comfort of the assembly line we have been pushed through since elementary school. You go to elementary school, then middle school, then high school. In high school you find a summer job to earn some extra cash and build up your resume. Then, you go on to college; this is when our resume is first tested. During college we are told that it is very important to find a summer internship doing something that you will without a doubt be doing after graduation.

Less and less value is being placed on traveling or working a job that isn't in your direct career path or won't pay much money. I took part in an internship this summer doing something that I think I want to do after graduation. While working, I talked to my co-workers trying to get as much knowledge about how they got to where they are today. Most of them worked lazy summer jobs

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Is an apology bigger in Texas?

BY BENJAMIN LEFELL
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

The most clichéd ethics argument, capital punishment, is back in the news. Except this time it involves Texas. Okay, it usually involves Texas, but this time Texas might need to apologize for the execution. Last month Craig Beyler, a nationally renowned arson expert, completed a report for the Texas Forensic Science Commission concluding that a 1991 fire, which killed Todd Willingham's three young daughters was not arson. Willingham was executed for their murder, in 2004. The ever-increasing accuracy in forensic science and DNA analysis has led to an uptick in exonerating previously convicted criminals.

Even when a guilty plea would have saved his life, he could have received life in prison, Willingham clung to his innocence. Now, five years after the execution, Texas could become the first state to acknowledge that it executed a legally and factually innocent person. In light of this development, various unions, journalists, and social groups from across the country have renewed their calls for the abolition of capital punishment.

The death of an innocent person is always tragic, and the pain that family and friends must endure is unimaginable. We are forced to deal with the death of innocent people in many avenues of life, such as car accidents, shipwrecks, airplane crashes, and friendly fire during warfare. What do all of those examples have in common? The fact that they are accidents. What distinguishes this case is that the accident was perpetrated by the state with the intention of causing his death. He was not caught by an errant bullet while riding his bicycle; he was strapped into a gurney and injected with lethal poison.

Despite the evident potential for mistakes in the

justice system, it is administered to a degree of certainty acceptable to most law-abiding citizens. If we cannot administer a system without near certainty of guilt, then most criminals will continue to walk the streets unpunished. The death penalty serves as an important deterrent to crime and protects law-abiding citizens. Nevertheless, we must balance the social benefit with the potential cost, including both the fiscal expense and potential for errant executions. It is our duty as a society to search for ways to reduce the costs and prevent those mistakes from occurring. It is not wise to dismantle the entire system, as that would be an enormous step backwards in the justice system that works quite well; rather we must be vigilant in being more careful in the system's administration.

Capital punishment is about doing what is best for society. The death penalty was instituted because some crimes are so heinous and unforgivable that the offender had to pay the ultimate price for his crime. That ultimate price also assured the law-abiding citizens, that our government is required to protect, that the offenders would never again walk the streets and torment the victims or their children, or their grandchildren.

However, we have a robust prison system that gets criminals off of the streets, and out of the way of law-abiding citizens. As a result, it is hard to know how society really benefits from the death penalty, other than from the perspective of seeking vengeance for vicious and evil deeds.

At first glance, how expensive could it really be to execute a convicted murderer or criminal? It should not be very expensive, but it turns out to be more expensive than life in prison. Many people might not be aware that carrying out a single death sentence costs 2-5 times more than holding that same criminal in prison for life.

How is that possible? Well, it results from the endless appeals, procedures, and legal bureaucracy that drag out the process for years on end. Usually, as in Mr. Willingham's case, a prisoner can be on death row for 15-20 years. Attorneys, judges, court reporters, clerks, and court facilities all require a substantial investment by the taxpayers, far more than a prison guard. Now the question becomes, do we really have these financial resources to waste?

We must wonder then, why are we spending more money to kill these criminals then to lock them away and never hear from them again? It must be for our own peace of mind, or as the bible discusses, an eye for an eye. Though the family and friends of victims might not want to see someone continue to live after taking their loved one's life, it is a simple cost-benefit analysis; essentially, if the death penalty is not financially prudent, then we are putting our society at a disservice in order to settle a vendetta.

Appealing an emotional need for closure is not inherently wrong. However, there have been and will continue to be cases where eyewitnesses are wrong, false evidence was used, the trial was mishandled, or a case of mistaken identity took place. It is important for us to remember that those situations are not a recurring and consistent theme. When a plane crashes we don't consider abandoning air travel, we strive to make it safer. We must take the same approach with capital punishment; we as a society take enormous pride in our judicial system and must continue to strive to administer it as fairly and flawlessly as possible. In the case of capital punishment, that does not mean abandoning it, rather we need to put a national moratorium on capital punishment until we can control the enormous financial burden its just administration would require of society.

Hey buddy, what did you expect?

BY ADAM YU
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

This past summer Nick George, a senior at California's Pomona College, was getting ready to return to school. Nick, a Montgomery County resident here in Pennsylvania, was traveling through Philadelphia's international airport, but his day turned out to be much less routine than expected.

As he maneuvered his way through the routine security check points in the airport, the watchful eyes of the Transportation Security Agency (TSA) officers noticed several large stereo speakers in his bag. Just picture two big metal boxes on the screen of a metal detector (that ought to get you thinking unless you have sand in your head). So, like many of us have witnessed, the TSA officers stepped to the side to have a look in the bag, you know when they poke those wands around. All of a sudden they came across hundreds of cards with Arabic writing, which included translations for "explosion" and "terrorist." Nick's passport was also marked with entry stamps from Jordan, Egypt, and Sudan. That's odd ain't it? Consider the fact that home grown terrorists often travel to countries like Jordan and Egypt to train and learn the ways of radical Islam.

Nick was taken to a separate screening section and was questioned by TSA officials and eventually the FBI. He did explain that the cards were his study aids while he studied abroad and he said the passport stamps were given to him when he went traveling. Now, even though his alibi appears harmless, we must remember what our security teams are dealing with. Look at the terrorists we have captured or killed, many happen to be young students who use their student statuses as a convenient way to move about the globe.

In addition to the cards, speakers, and passport, TSA officials had already pre-selected him for screening. This means he was chosen before he even walked through the metal detectors. The airport's "behavioral specialists" examine passengers throughout the airport and pick out those who are acting suspiciously or display textbook signs of nervousness and fear of discovery. Nick seemed to fit the description.

Naturally, Nick was a little annoyed, but he did say law enforcement treated him respectfully. Philadelphia Daily News writer, Dave Davies, wrote a piece that was quite critical of the TSA's decisions. He was mocking their justification of the flash cards as a sign. Davies continued to question the TSA's holding of Nick after he explained his student and travel situations. The final criticism by Davies was with respect to Nick's appearance. He joked at the fact that the TSA pulled aside a "high-value physics major" and asks if Nick looks like a terrorist (it is a caption under a picture of Nick).

Well, Mr. Davies should keep in mind that everything has to be considered a credible clue. Nothing can be taken lightly and any physical piece of evidence has to be highly scrutinized. Secondly, as I previously explained, terrorists take advantage of the student story in order to travel under the radar. Finally, as we have come to realize, terrorists do not always fit a stereotypical image. Violent extremists come from all over the world, vary in age, and have a diverse set of backgrounds. The TSA can only keep us safe by evaluating suspects on a case by case basis. The hunt for terrorists has turned into a sophisticated game of cat-and-mouse. There is most certainly a down side to the heightened level of security. As people who have decided to live in a safe, free society, we have to chip in and do our part. Don't forget, the men and women who guard our airports, sea ports, and train stations are working for us. Their mission is keeping us safe. We ought to stick behind our dedicated law enforcement and applaud their vigilance. America's strength, intelligence, and resourcefulness are keeping the cowards on the run. Al-Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, and all other radical groups have been stopped in their tracks. We will not be bullied.

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and hung out at the beach with friends. Many of those who were lucky enough to have the money travelled. They told me that being successful at a job has very little to do with one's past job experience and more to do with how one interacts with co-workers and experiences one has had and books, movies, and music one enjoys.

An internship will give you the appearance that you have experience with your eventual job and that you are committed to that job. But, there is a chance that you will spend a summer stuffing envelopes and essentially wasting your time. While it is useful to work around people who have the job you hope to eventually do and this may solidify your belief that this is the job for you, believing that an alternative (such as travelling, reading books, or doing a job you definitely won't be doing after college) is less helpful is false. Travelling or doing something different gives you a perspective you may not get practicing for the job you hope to eventually get. Also, college is the last time we will have all of these chances to have so many substantial breaks - we should take advantage.

I realize that we live in a time where it is very difficult to find a job that one really wants. Therefore, we assume that we must get one extra leg up on the other candidates.

But, it seems we have created an arms race that is impossible to win and will surely drive us all insane. Rather than worrying about how many resume-worthy events we can fit in a day, why don't we sit back, enjoy life, and learn more about who we are as people?

Monsters under the bed

BY ADAM YU
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

Who are Sandra Cantu, Jaycee Lee Dugard, Clay Moore, and Jessica Lunsford? They are the four youngsters have caught the media's eye because they have all fallen victim to child predators and child abusers. It seems as though this decade has had a never ending laundry list of young victims all across the United States.

The first step to understanding the seriousness of the security risk these sick perverts pose to Americans is to learn the true stories of the victims. Sandra Cantu, an 8-year-old Californian, was kidnapped, raped, murdered, and crammed into a suitcase by Melissa Huckaby.

It turns out that Huckaby was the mother of one of Sandra Cantu's neighborhood friends. In 1991, Jaycee Lee Dugard vanished from her school bus stop in South Lake Tahoe, California. Jaycee was rescued in August 2009, a frightening 18 years after her kidnapping. She was kept as a sex slave to Philip and Nancy Garrido and has fathered two of Philip Garrido's children. After being thrown into a truck in early 2007, bound to a tree in the middle of nowhere, 13-year-old Clay Moore managed to escape from his captor, Vicente Beltran-Moreno. Moreno kidnapped Clay with the intent to hold him for ransom.

In February 2005, Jessica Lunsford was snatched from her Florida home and held captive by John Couey. After a weekend in captivity, Couey confessed that he chose to rape Jessica and bury her alive. Several months later, Jessica's body was found buried near his home. As a society, we have to shed light on the horror stories that occurred.

The brutality that child predators are capable of is simply unbelievable. They are sick and twisted. Since we know the truth about their intentions, then why are so many released into society? Take a look at the hundreds of cases of rape, molestation, and other predatory crimes, many happen to be repeat offenses. The reports of sex offenders living in communities all over America are staggering. There are massive data bases that log the numerous offenders that live near our homes and communities. They have successfully been reintroduced into the population. WHY ON EARTH IS THIS THE CASE?! Remember Philip Garrido, he was arrested in 1972 and charged with drugging and raping a 14-year-old

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The Republican amnesia

BY DAVID EISENBERG
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Whenever I think of today's Republicans, I think of Marx.

Groucho Marx, that is. Among many other things, he is well known for a musical number in the movie *Horse Feathers* where he proudly sings, "Whatever it is, I'm against it." This philosophy has been taken to heart by Republicans in the Obama era. From the stimulus to the lukewarm attempt at health care reform, the minority party in both chambers of Congress will resist on what appears to be strictly ideological grounds. They are opposing for the sake of opposing. It doesn't even matter if the Democrats push an idea that was once favored by Republicans, like cap and trade, an alternative idea to flat-out taxing corporations for carbon emissions that was proposed by them in the 1990s. Now that it's favored by Democrats, though, it's "cap and tax" and bad for our corporations and business. On any bill that could possibly attract the slightest bit of controversy, Republicans dig in their heels - and yet President Obama still looks to them to lend a helping hand. Clearly, it's not working.

Inane name calling and bad behavior has also become the norm - mostly among right-wing pundits and citizens, but occasionally among Republican elected officials as well.

Just this past Thursday at Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress, Republican South Carolina Representative Joe Wilson called Obama a liar when he was talking about how his plan will not be extended to illegal immigrants. The outburst got him overnight media attention due to the fact that in the news, the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

He has taken well to the spotlight, getting hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions. As tactless as Wilson was, he has nothing on protesters who hijack the national debate by calling Obama illegitimate, a socialist, a Marxist (Karl this time, not Groucho), a fascist, and other names that inflame passions but do little else.

What really strikes me though, is that once Obama took office, Republicans did a complete 180 on

many issues,* especially on matters of the budget, unconstitutionality, and patriotism. During the previous administration, we lived under an executive branch whose motto was "deficits don't matter" (Dick Cheney even said as much), and on issues of war and taxation, they sure lived up to it. Now they are deficit hawks, asking how we can pay for what is proposed in Congress. When people were out on the streets protesting the war in Iraq, Republicans, especially pundits on Fox News, were fond of saying that these people are lunatics. Now that the Republicans are out on the streets, they're not only patriots for doing so, but Fox News is covering them all day.

Speaking of patriotism, remember when people who questioned the president's motives were unpatriotic and terrorist sympathizers, according to Republicans? Now, dissent is the highest form of patriotism, as people like Glen Beck, a real-life version of Dale Gribble from *King of the Hill*, love to spout out whenever they can.

I certainly didn't see Republicans thinking twice about the Patriot Act or warrantless wiretapping back when they were the ones doing it - and indeed, it was of paramount importance that we as a nation did support it, lest we appear unpatriotic.

Now protesters and even some Republican politicians are throwing the word "unconstitutional" around when it comes to the stimulus and health care reform, never mind that many executive power grabs under President Bush contradicted the Constitution.

It is as if on January 21, 2009, somebody took a big wooden mallet to the collective head of the Republican Party, and they woke up with no recollection of the misdeeds of the Bush administration.

Their rhetoric has been ratcheted up to hyperbolic levels, and their criticisms have devolved into grade-school insults.

And yet for all of the times that they have thrown temper tantrums, they are still being given legitimacy by our President, Congress, and the media.

Time is running out for all three to realize that they are dealing with people who will compromise on nothing.

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girl. It was also the third sexual crime Garrido was accused of. Oh yeah, John Couey had an impressive record of 24 arrests prior to the Lunsford case.

During one of his burglaries, he grabbed a child and kissed her and molested a 5-year-old girl in 1991. Couey was released immediately after the 1991 arrest.

Leniency has often been advocated for human rights reasons. A select group of judges (who are severely misguided) and groups like the Human Rights Watch have taken the liberty to claim the moral high ground and be the good souls to protect the child predators. Bravo to all of you! We have so much to thank you for, like bringing convicted rapists and molesters next door and letting them prance along our streets eyeing their next targets. Human Rights Watch has released a report criticizing the current laws addressing convicted sex offenders. Registration laws that require offenders to notify local law enforcement and governments about their residence are too strict or certain residency restrictions, like keeping them as far away from schools, also infringes on their rights. They claim these laws violate "a panoply of protected rights." There seems to be an apparent fear of community back lash, and harm and safety concerns for the offenders. Some nerve the Human Rights Watch has. They are looking out for the rights of the wrong people and the criminals are laughing in the faces of these foolish advocates.

Look at what leniency and forgiveness brought to Jessica Lunsford and Jaycee Dugard. Folks, sexual predators and rapists cannot be rehabilitated. Second chances only bring more suffering and pain. Remember, the young victims don't get a do-over, they are gone physically and/or mentally. I suggest execution, chemical castration, and life imprisonment (of course without chance for parole) as the only fool proof combination of sentencing. We ought to block out any distractions that might cloud our judgment and remember the most vital piece of information, these are children. We were once kids, and who knows, we may even have families of our own.

This is a problem that will only continue to haunt us. These monsters are hiding under our children's beds, in their closets, on street corners, near schools, next door, and in parks. They are among us.



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Swine Flu and you

BY JANA ELFENBEIN
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H1N1, more commonly known as Swine Flu, is causing quite a commotion all across the nation, especially on university and college campuses.

It was first introduced to people in the United States in April 2009 and other reports of H1N1 have been detected in people in neighboring countries Canada and Mexico. This virus is similar to the seasonal influenza in that it spreads easily from one person to the next; however, this virus has received more press because of the unanticipated amplification of the illness in the spring.

Last April, just as the H1N1 virus was picking up momentum, schools across the country started reporting outbreaks on their campuses. University of Delaware, University of Notre Dame, San Diego State University, and California State University at Long Beach all reported cases of their students having this strain of the virus.

Now that summer is over and schools are back in session, colleges and universities across the country are taking extra precautions to prevent a swine flu outbreak on their campus.

Recent reports revealed that there are at least 2,500 students at Washington State University who are confirmed as having some strain of influenza. Also, the University at Lawrence reported forty-seven of their students were suffering from influenza-like symptoms following the first weekend on campus.

As of September 12th, 2009, the Health and Wellness Center at Lehigh University has confirmed its first case of H1N1 influenza virus on its campus. The situation is controlled in that the student was in immediate contact with the Health and Wellness Center and has fully recovered from all symptoms.

This past weekend, a twenty-year old male student from Cornell University died of complications from the H1N1 virus. More than 500 Cornell students are confirmed with having flu-like symptoms, and the College is taking this matter very seriously. They are trying to deal with the situation at hand, while preventing a further outbreak.

So why are college and university campuses such an

easy target for the H1N1 virus? Communicable diseases, like this one, are easily spread when people are living in close quarters. From sharing public or dormitory bathrooms, groups of people sleeping together, classroom spaces, computer laboratories, and so on, these germs disperse and infect people at an incredibly rapid rate.

If the seasonal influenza virus causes an estimated 36,000 deaths per year, why is there so much commotion surrounding the H1N1 virus?

For starters, the disease is more highly infectious than the standard flu. Furthermore, outbreaks that occurred last spring prove to people that this virus is able to spread faster and presents more harm to an entire locale, and even more significantly, an entire country.

The outbreak of the virus in 2009 in the United States was made up of genetic elements from four different flu viruses including the swine influenza virus found in Asia and Europe, North American swine influenza, human influenza, and North American avian influenza.

Muhlenberg Campus is highly concerned with the potential detrimental impact the H1N1 virus may have on its students, staff, and faculty this fall. Public health officials have expressed concern that the H1N1 virus will return to the Pennsylvania area this fall with an increase in cases as early as late September and early October. Chrysan Cronin, a member of the H1N1 Preparedness Committee, states, "We are preparing for the worst and hoping for the best."

In preparation for this potentially dreadful endemic, Muhlenberg College will be following the "CDC GUIDANCE for Responses to Influenza Institutions of Higher Education during the 2009-2010 Academic Year." These guidelines are aimed at reducing the intensity of the disease and diminishing its expansion.

Within these plans, the CDC highly suggests the notion of "social isolation" in which individuals with any variety of flu-like symptoms should be exempt from academic and other public hobbies for at least twenty-four hours after they no longer have a fever without the ingestion of fever reducing medicine.

H1N1 symptoms include runny nose, muscle aches,

cough, fever, and sore throat. These students should also stay away from communal places such as the library, dining hall, and sports complex. If students, faculty, or staff are experiencing any symptoms, it is recommended that they leave campus and not return until they are all better. Muhlenberg College will also be implementing an educational campaign in which posters about the virus and crucial prevention methods will be hung up all around campus.

There are many ways to prevent the spread of H1N1 Flu. First, clean your hands multiple times throughout the day with soap and warm water or use alcohol based hand sanitizers when water is not available. Next, stay away from people who are sick and always make sure to cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough.

Furthermore, get sufficient sleep and eat healthy, balanced meals during the day. Do not smoke or drink excessive alcohol. Lastly, try to avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes considering that is an easy way for germs to enter your system.

H1N1 is treatable as long as you follow the necessary procedures. If you are diagnosed with H1N1 it is very crucial that you keep your throat moist and increase the amount of fluids that you consume. Make sure to nourish your body with foods that are easy to swallow such as gelatin desserts, ice cream, soup, fruit juices, Gatorade, and so on. Also, you must receive extra sleep and let your body rest. In addition, taking Tylenol or Advil will help lower your fever and ease your aches.

Within the next few weeks the Muhlenberg Health Center will be receiving hundreds of doses of the seasonal flu vaccine. The college highly encourages all students, staff, and faculty to receive this vaccine to help prevent a flu outbreak.

Even though it is not a vaccine that directly prevents H1N1, it helps cut back the number of flu cases on campus. There will be an H1N1 vaccine available in mid-October, but the Health Center will not be getting these doses. Students, faculty, and staff must go to their own physicians, clinics, hospitals, or health departments to receive it if they so desire. If you have any influenza-like illness with a fever and a cough you must go to the health center immediately.

If students, faculty, and staff take the necessary precautions, Muhlenberg College will be able to steer clear from an outbreak on campus.

Turning history into hope: the 9/11 memorial

By AMY BAUER
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As hundreds of American flags shone out against the grey sky above the Great Lawn, a small group of students gathered together to remember and pay tribute to the lives that were lost eight years ago.

The weather reflected the somber atmosphere inside Egner Memorial Chapel on Friday, Sept 11th. The ceremony began with a welcoming speech from Peter Bredlau, Muhlenberg Chaplain, and an introduction by Student Body President, Jon Falk. Falk, '10 spoke to the students, urging them to reflect on their memories of that fateful day.

For a few moments, all the people in the chapel were absorbed in their own thoughts. Falk's words conjured up the unforgettable images of fire, smoke, and ash. Falk spoke of catching glimpses of the iconic World Trade Center towers crashing to the ground on the television at his middle school while changing classes.

No one could help but to remember the sense of mingled confusion and fear felt as a middle school student, unsure of what was actually happening on that day. It was clear in the faces of those students present, a kind of communal understanding of that feeling and fear. Although eight years had passed in that moment the fear was suddenly very real and present again, as if the events had just occurred.

President Helm began his speech by addressing emotions that all who experienced and remember the events of Sept 11th, 2001 go through and wrestle with. There is a strange feeling of guilt for those that live through great tragedy, a feeling of guilt that stems from our ability to move on and return to normal life: the ability to forget.

"Such is the resilience and perhaps the frailty of the human spirit that our memories have already begun to fade," said Helm, reminding us of our own human nature, and the way we inevitably heal.

"It is human to heal," he said, "and in healing to re-

shape memory into lessons from which we can learn." His words advised students not to feel guilty for moving on, but to transform that acceptance into a more fervent desire for justice and change.

President Helm read out the names of the four Muhlenberg alum who died that day: Alan Merdinger, Davin Peterson, Phil Parker, and Craig Lilore. As the names of those four victims echoed in the chapel, the names of the countless other victims were spoken in the hearts of those gathered.

Although only a small number of people were present in the chapel that day, the rest of the Muhlenberg community was given an opportunity to take a moment to reflect during the sounds of the bells tolling from the College carillon.

The bells marked the time between the two World Trade Center crashes, moments that silenced the country, and stopped our breath, eight years ago.

While it is impossible not to be saddened by the memories of that tragic day, President Helm urged students to remember that "this is not the time to wallow in sentimentality." The healing Americans have undergone since that tragic day is what is needed to grow and seek out change. As witnesses to a terrible moment in history, students have the task ahead of them to shape these painful memories into history.

The lessons that we learn from history will, as President Helm said, "comprise the truest and most permanent memorial to those who died and sacrificed."

These words hung heavily in the air as the ceremony moved from speeches to song. David Cooper '11



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played "Taps" on the trumpet as the American flag in the chapel was lowered.

All were silent as the haunting melody pierced the breathless quiet of the space. The song unlocked the floodgates of the memories each present had stored up, and emotions, remembrances, and prayers poured from their hearts.

Despite the rush of inevitable emotion, the blaring sound of the trumpet inspired that feeling of patriotism and pride that united the country during the days following the attacks. The words of President Helm of the work that lie ahead took on more meaning and strength. The ceremony came to a close, and everyone dispersed and started to return to activities of another ordinary Friday afternoon. The rain continued to pour from the sky and the wind continued to blow.

The hundreds of bright flags continued to stand firm in the grass, although attacked by the wind and the rain; a reminder of how proudly and bravely the colors of the nation do not run.

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traveling Chew Street. Tom Daugherty has been in touch with Allentown officials since August attempting to add more safeguards to Chew Street.

"It's way too dark on Chew at night," said one senior, who wished to remain anonymous, "there needs to be more light." This student is not alone in his concern over the safety of the crosswalks that connect the two sides of campus. Cars are parked so closely to the crosswalks that sometimes it is necessary to step out into the crosswalk just to see if there is traffic coming. Other students feel that an increased presence of Campus Safety at these crosswalks would give drivers more pause. Joseph Armenti '10 has suggested that, "perhaps it would be beneficial for all students if Campus Watch, or even Campus Safety, would act as Crossing Guards during the heavy evening traffic hours."

Until further precautionary actions are taken, The Weekly would like to kindly remind all students to be careful while crossing not only Chew Street, but all of the streets of Allentown.

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pure accessibility and vastness of these parks and other areas of green space add quality to the area,"

says Ramsay.

During his free time Ramsay takes advantage of this space as he enjoys running around or near campus, on the track and even through Trexler Park. He notes that if anyone is wandering campus during the early hours of the morning they may unknowingly catch a glimpse of their Provost.

Lastly, much to the pleasure of The Weekly, Ramsay was sure to make mention of his strong support of the student press. He stated how impressed he was with the level of student engagement surrounding campus issues, discussions and events. "The opinions of students play a vital role in all of this," said Ramsay. "The student press is a vibrant part of campus life," and one that he very much encourages and supports.

The Muhlenberg Weekly, along with the staff and students of Muhlenberg College wish to extend a warm welcome to Provost Ramsay in what is sure to be an exciting and successful year.

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President Helm breathes new life into EnAct's Just-Tap-It campaign

BY MATT PEARSON
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

On the April 30, 2009 meeting of the Student Government, EnAct brought their Just-Tap-It Resolution for the organization's approval. Student Government had previously created the Just-Tap-It AdHoc Committee in a joint endeavor with EnAct. The inherent difference between the two efforts were the ultimate goals of each group. EnAct was very clear in their desire to place a complete ban on plastic water bottles on the campus. However, Student Government sought to reduce the amount present in an effort to diminish the use of the plastic bottles in general. Eventually these endeavors began to lose their cohesion with one another.

By the time that EnAct brought their final resolution to completely ban bottled water on campus, Student Government had already eliminated its own Just-Tap-It committee. In their drive to promote the Just-Tap-It initiative EnAct managed to get approximately 1,080 signatures from students alone. This is approximately one half of the entire student population.

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Student Government has often asked students at Student Body Meetings what concerns they have or issues they would like to have the organization address. EnAct's groundwork provided an impressive show of solidarity behind a campus concern to Student Government, with literally half of their constituency in support of the resolution.

Before discussion began on whether or not to pass the resolution, Student Government Representatives were given the opportunity to ask questions about the Just-Tap-It campaign and the resulting resolution.

These questions ranged from the validity of the signatures and the cost of the program to how other institutions have dealt with similar campaigns. There were concerns over the changes to the meal plan structures that students had already paid for and whether or not the change was really being forced upon the students.

Eventually there was discussion over the topic, where Representatives stated their opinions in either a Pro or Con format to influence the other officials that could vote on the resolution.

At the heart of those not in favor of the ban was the question of whether or not the Representatives were honestly considering all of their constituents.

One Representative neatly organized this concern in the form of the question, "Why should half of the student body not be able to choose to use bottled water? Students can make their own decisions."

Those who were in support of the resolution attempted to amend the motion in the form of two compromises. When asked what they felt was the best plan of action, EnAct representatives answered that moving bottled water to dining dollars might be a step in the right direction, and that vending machines could be a proper compromise.

Jordan Sones, Student Government Vice-President, amended the resolution to include just such a compromise. The motion failed.

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Barrie Schessler, Class of 2010 President, then attempted to pass the resolution but without Student Government's signature of support. This action would pass the document on to the administration, but Student Government would not be shown to have supported it. Others who opposed the resolution echoed the concerns of a small, but very vocal group of students on campus that adamantly opposed the Just-Tap-It campaign during a Student Body Meeting earlier in the year. This motion also failed.

In the end, 8 votes were cast in favor of the resolution while 13 successfully voted to reject the resolution.

Over the summer President Helm sent a letter to the members of the Student Government Association to address the controversial decision. President Helm stated his support of the Just-Tap-It campaign and informed Representatives that EnAct would be returning to the Student Government with a revised

proposal this semester.




Helm also explained why he did not just act unilaterally and ban bottled water on his own, "... I think it is important that any wider action be the product of a student movement, supported by our students' elected representatives."

With President Helm adding his name to approximately half the campus in support of the resolution, Student Government faces a tough decision.

EnAct has made plans to attend and present their revised resolution to the organization at the Sept. 17 meeting of the Student Government Association.

Constituency Comments, the time during the meeting when students are invited to address Student Government as a whole, will almost surely be attended by concerned students either against or in support of the resolution.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Sunny	Sunny
High: 70 Low: 50	High: 65 Low: 44	High: 65 Low: 48

Answer to the Soduku Puzzler from 09.10.09

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9	6	5	7	3	1	4	8	2

This Week in History

09.17.09 - 09.23.09

Sept. 17

The United States Constitution was adopted on Sept 17, 1787 by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and ratified by conventions in each U.S. state in the name of "The People".

Sept. 18

The Netherlands gives women the right to vote on Sept. 18, 1919.

Sept. 19 - 1985

Tipper Gore and other political wives form the Parents Music Resource Center as Frank Zappa and other musicians testify at U.S. Congressional hearings on obscenity in rock music.

Sept. 20 - 1881

Chester A. Arthur is inaugurated as the 21st President of the United States.

Sept. 21 - 1942

On Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Nazis sent over 1,000 Jews of west Ukraine to Belzec extermination camp.

Sept. 22 - 1692

Last people hanged for witchcraft in the United States

Sept. 23 - 1846

The planet Neptune is discovered.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 7 - Found Property - On campus, while sorting incoming mail, a reporting party saw an envelope addressed to Campus Safety. Inside was a found gift card with \$2.00 that was used. It is unknown who sent it or who found it.

Sept. 7 - Larceny/Theft - In Seegers Union, an email was received from a reporting party regarding stolen signs. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 7 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost bracelet.

Sept. 7 - Lost Property - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Sept. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2143 Chew St., the fire alarm sounded due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2251 Turner St., building #5, the fire alarm sounded due to steam from the shower. The system was silenced and reset.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2206 Chew St., the fire alarm sounded due to steam from the shower. The system was silenced and reset.

Sept. 8 - Sick Student - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and the individual was transported to the Health Center.

Sept. 8 - Sick Student - In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Health Center were notified and responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 8 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center fieldhouse, there was a report of found keys and a card. The items were brought to Campus Safety and put in the lost and found locker.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 432 Albright St., the fire alarm sounded due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset.

Sept. 9 - Safety Hazard - At Phi Kappa Tau (Hillside House), there was a report of people on the roof. An officer spoke to the individuals and they left the roof area. There was no further incident.

Sept. 10 - Suspicious Person - On Chew St., there was a report of a white male, 30-40 years old with long brown hair wearing a brown coat and sunglasses. The man was walking near the reporting party. The reporting party got ahead of him and he rushed up and grabbed the individual and then took off running. The Allentown Police Department responded and spoke to the victim. The area was checked, but no one could be found that fit the description. A notice was sent to the Campus community.

Sept. 10 - Injured Visitor - At Seegers Union, there was a report of an injured worker in the Garden Room. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was driven to the hospital by a coworker.

Sept. 10 - Found Property - In the Life Sports Center fieldhouse, a set of keys were turned into the front desk. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence lockers.

Sept. 11 - Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) - On N. Leh St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 - Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. A warning was given to the residents. The incident was reported to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 - Criminal/Malicious Mischief - In Benfer Hall, a reporting party called to report vandalism. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 11 - Drug Possession (Marijuana) - In Benfer Hall, while investigating another call, an officer noticed a strong smell coming from a room. The resident let the officer in and the officer confiscated drug paraphernalia. The items were brought to the Campus Safety office and secured in the evidence room. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 11 - Sick Student - In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Health Center were notified and responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 11 - Found Property - On campus, there was a report of two found ID cards that were turned in to Campus Safety. The owner was unable to be reached via their phone. An email was sent to the owner.

Sept. 11 - Sick Student - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center responded and the person was transported to the Health Center.

Sept. 11 - Larceny/Theft - In Trexler Library, B Level, there was a report of theft of a campus awareness poster from the B level of the library. There are no suspects at this time and it is unknown when the poster was taken.

Sept. 11 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 407/109 N. 23rd St., the fire alarm sounded due to steam from the shower. The system was silenced and reset. There was no further incident.

Sept. 11 - Injured Student - In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 11 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving students. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The victims were taken to the hospital.

Sept. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - On N. Leh St., the fire alarm sounded due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset. There was no further incident.

Sept. 12 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On Liberty St., there was a report of a car accident at 24th St. and Liberty St. The Allentown Police Department was called to the scene. Muhlenberg College officers blocked off Liberty St. Allentown Fire Department also responded.

Sept. 12 - Injured Student - At Delta Zeta (Frederick Augustus House), there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person refused transportation to the hospital.

Sept. 12 - Lost Property - In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of lost property. The property has been missing since move in day.

Sept. 12 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and the person was transported to the hospital. The incident was referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 12 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In East Hall, A Block, there was an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital. The incident was referred to the Dean's Office.

Sept. 13 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On Liberty St., there was a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At the Hillcrest House, a fire alarm sounded. The Allentown Fire Department was notified to respond from the alarm company. No cause could be found that would have activated the alarm. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 13 - Injured Student - In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured person. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 13 - Injured Student - In East Hall, E Block, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person refused transportation to the hospital.

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Life!

"The only real failure in life is not to be true to the best one knows."

- Buddha

Adventure at Ozzy's Sports Center

BY NOAH FRIED
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

If you are a college student looking to release your inner child and have a blast, Ozzy's Family Fun and Sports Center is the place for you. Loaded with a roller skating rink, laser tag arena, go-kart track, climbing tower with adjacent high ropes course, mini golf course, batting cages, arcade, and awesome concessions, Ozzy's truly suits every age group.

But what is it about this place that puts college students in such a frenzy? Why should they find such immense happiness at a place that also caters to five year olds?

My journey began at the roller rink. Once they turned the lights down, flashed the disco lights, and started playing "Anything for Love," I knew what I had to do. I proceeded to skate my heart out and do some interpretive dance as well. Naturally, everyone around followed suit. As we were skating, I hastened my pace to match the speed of a smiling passerby. I pulled out my handy dandy reporter pad and I called out to him over the music my burning question: "Why are you having such a good time?" Startled, the fellow lost his footing and fell on his face. "Sorry, mate!" I called back to him.

Next, my posse and I ventured to what is known as "The Challenge." It is an obstacle course that resembles a McDonalds' play place: colorful and constructed from interlocking, oddly assembled tubes. Spurred on by happy memories, I launched into the playhouse and to my displeasure, found the pathways to be hot, cramped, and generally difficult to traverse. While

taking refuge in a small, bubble-like expanse of the maze, an upperclassman shot past and before he was out of earshot I called out: "Hey, aren't we a bit old for this?" Laughing, he replied, "Who cares, I loved this when I was six and I still do!" I was starting to see the big picture.

After breaking for hot wings and ice cream, my group journeyed over to Lasertron, Ozzy's state-of-the-art laser tag arena. After we were briefed on our mission, the rules, and regulations, my team (green) put on our gear and assembled at the base. The point of the game was to gather as many points as possible for your team by shooting opponents without being tagged or, better yet, destroying the target at the enemy's base—that gets you the jackpot.

It was utter chaos. All was darkness save for the highlighted walls, piercing lasers, and the red and green blurs of my fellow gamers. Two minutes of game time left, the score was even. At about that time my good pal Ben rushed over to me and said, "Let's attack the base right now, just you and me." In answer, I raced through the maze and made my way to the red team's base, dodging laser blasts as I went. Amazingly, once we

got there, the base was deserted. With a brief affirmative head nod, we proceeded to fire our lasers into the target. (What follows is a slight exaggeration).

Immediately they were upon us. There must have been thousands of them. But just as I was about to throw my hands over my head in surrender, my armor suddenly shouted, "Congratulations! You are now in rapid-fire mode!" With a guttural roar, I fired randomly on the crowd. As the red team members fell down, Ben continued



A high ropes course was one activity that students enjoyed at Ozzy's Family Fun and Sports Center.

PHOTO BY NOAH FRIED

to shoot at the target. And then a fairly large red team member put a gun to Ben's back—and fired. "BEN, B E H I N D Y O U — B E N N O O O O O O O!" As Ben fell spasmodically to the floor, I flew into a rage and opened fire on the assassin. All I cared about was getting us out of there alive, even if it killed me. (End exaggeration).

And yet, most fun of all was not the fantastical and brutally violent laser tag. Actually, what topped everything else were the bumper boats. Equipped with water guns, the circular watercrafts may not move extremely fast but make for a fun game nonetheless. One student said, "It's impossible not to break out into song when you're on them! ...I'm on a bumper boat, I'm on a bumper boat.

Everybody look at me 'cause I'm riding on a bumper boat."

Finally, with half an hour left in our adventure, we made our way to the ropes course.

The extensive course consists of level upon level of bridges, tight rope walking, and Tarzan swings. Next to it lays a tall rock wall with two sides varying in difficulty. As our time was coming to an end, I polled random students to get their opinions of the night.

"What did you like most about this place?"

"Ozzy's is great because it provides alternatives," one freshman said. "Rather than going out and getting drunk every weekend, you can do things like this—have fun AND stay safe."

"I overcame my fear of heights on the rope course!" another student said.

"It caters to my kid at heart!" said Ali Tomekian, a freshman.

By the end of it all, I realized something. As college freshman, we are thrown into school with the mentality that we're expected to take responsibility and cast away the old pleasures of childhood.

Our parents, teachers, and peers put pressure on us; not to mention the pressure we put on ourselves. It's that sort of stress in a transitional period like this that allows for students to make bad decisions. But the children inside need not die for us to grow up.

Going forward, we will surely meet hard times in our college career. I think that if we can manage to entertain that child within us every once in a while, we will become healthier individuals and that emerging adult will shine more easily.

Tournées Film Festival spotlights French culture

BY SARA BEITMAN
WEEKLY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Sept. 11 and 12, I had the pleasure of attending the college's 3rd annual Tournées French Film Festival.

The Tournées Film Festival partners with hundreds of colleges and universities every year, in which over 300,000 students have discovered French-language films. "The Tournées Festival was conceived to encourage schools to begin their own self-sustaining French film festivals to further French/American cultural exchange and international understanding, and to

support contemporary creative work in the arts and education."

A wide variety of French films were shown from many different genres, including: *Entre Les Murs* (*The Class*), *Le Fils De Lepicier* (*The Grocer's Son*), *Il Y A Longtemps Que Je T'aime* (*I've Loved You So Long*), *Daratt*, and *Ne Le Dis A Personne* (*Tell No One*). All of the films were shown with English subtitles and were open to the public, free of charge. The festival was made possible with the support of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture.

One of the films shown, *Entre Les Murs*

(*The Class*), was the winner of this year's Palme d'Or award at the Cannes Film Festival. This documentary/narrative work is about a teacher and his students at a multi-cultural junior high school in Paris. The film was based on the teacher François Bégaudeau, who wrote the screenplay and starred in the movie. This compelling film shows the struggles of Bégaudeau and his immigrant students as they deal with modern cultural assimilation.

Le Fils De Lepicier (*The Grocer's Son*) is about a man whose father has suddenly died, and he is forced to move home

to Provence, in the south of France, to take over his father's business as a small, mobile grocery store owner. The main character Antoine and his crush Claire both move into his mother's home, as Antoine slowly begins to get to know the community and himself a little bit better.

Il Y A Longtemps Que Je T'aime (*I've Loved You So Long*) is about former doctor, Juliette, who has just completed a fifteen year jail sentence. Her younger sister Lea apprehensively takes her in, trying not to upset her comfortable middle-class lifestyle with

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Gossip Guru

BY SASHA FIERCE
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Well Guys and Gals there certainly has been a lot to report on since my last column... so here we go.

On Monday night the talented Patrick Swayze lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. He will be dearly missed and personally I'll never be able to watch *Dirty Dancing* the same way again.

And here is the drama of the week: the amazing Taylor Swift and Kanye West. If you have missed this whole drama that went down at the VMAs on Sunday night then you must be living under a rock. Poor Taylor! What was Kanye thinking, stealing her spotlight like that?

And now he keeps apologizing like some ten-year-old. Grow up. However, could Beyonce have been any classier? First, she gave one of the fiercest performances of the night, and then gave up her spotlight to let Taylor "have her moment." You go girls... and TEAM TAYLOR all the way.

Also, for all you T.Swift fans, she will be releasing her hit album *Fearless* with six new songs. I know I am excited, are you?

And if anyone cares, Kevin Jonas has announced that both Nick and Joe will share the role of Best Man at his wedding this year.

What about the little brother? Any *Twilight* fans? Well, I know you guys exist, because I am amongst

your ranks. So if anyone wants to go on a road trip to Utah, they have corn mazes of both Jacob's and Edward's faces.

And just so we are all clear here, Kate Gosselin will not be posing nude for *Playboy* anytime soon though Hugh Hefner has reportedly offered her \$400,000 to do so. At least she is showing a little class, unlike Jon.

And if you haven't heard by now, *American Idol* has found its fourth judge to replace Paula Abdul. After going through a string of temporary judges during auditions such as Neil Patrick Harris, Victoria Beckham, and Joe Jonas to name a few, I am very excited to announce that the faboosh Ellen Degeneres will be there this season. Who knows if she has anything real to contribute, but she's funny and I loved her on *So You Think You Can Dance* (SYTYCD) this summer.

Congrats of the week: Katherine Heigl announced that she and hubby, Josh Kelly, will be adopting a baby and Zooey Deschanel who announced her engagement to Death Cab for Cutie front man, Ben Gibbard; they are set to tie the knot at the end of this month.

And as far as those new girls who are preppers, we have Gisele Bundchen and hunky Tom Brady announcing that they are expecting in December.

Nicole Richie gave birth to her and Joel Madden's

second child, a boy named Sparrow James Midnight Madden.

Congrats to the happy couple, but I still don't get these celeb-spawn names.

In other news, Disney announced that they will be making an animated version of *Rapunzel*, and the princess will be voiced by that other princess, Mandy Moore. I've loved her since middle school, and now might like her even more.

I know because of Facebook that a lot of you love the website "Texts from Last Night". Well, guess what? They might be making a movie of the website that showcases the stupidity of America's drunken youth. So get posting now, and who knows--you might be famous!

Saturday Night Live will premiere its new season on the Sept. 26 with bombshell Megan Fox and the always popular U2.

Do-gooders of the week go to Angelina Jolie for her trip to Kenya, and Ashley Tisdale, for lending a hand on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

And just because I love it: *Glee* premiered to over 7.3 million people, making it one of the highest rated sitcoms in a few years. If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend you hop on the bandwagon ASAP.

So much to talk about this week! If you have any tips or comments, e-mail me at berggossipgirl@gmail.com.

This weekend in Allentown

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Adam

When: 12:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Where: Civic's 19th Street Theatre

This movie chronicles the hardships of living normally with Asperger's Syndrome. When a woman named Beth enters Adam's life, both learn the importance of friendship.

Open Mic Comedy Night

When: Signups at 8:30 PM, show at 9 PM

Where: Pitchers Sports Bar & Grille, 570 Union Boulevard

Free admission.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

Half-way to St Patrick's Day Pub Crawl

When: Check-in at 6:00 PM, event starts at 6:30 PM

Where: Allentown's West End

Proceeds of ticket sales to benefit 2010 Allentown St. Patrick's Parade which will be held on March 21, 2010 at 1:30 PM

Registration is \$15 per person and includes a t-shirt.

Participants can register at any of the sponsoring pubs through September 19, 2009.

Participants should be at the pub where they registered for the 6:00 pm check-in and the 6:30 pm start time.

Participating pubs: Jack Callaghan's Ale House, Ringer's Roost, Stooze's Bar & Grille, Greg's West End Saloon, Volpe's Sports Bar, Tavern on Liberty, Fairgrounds Hotel/Maingate, and MiXx Lounge.

Free Brewery Tours

When: Every Saturday 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Where: Allentown Brew Works

To schedule a tour, call 610-433-7777

Learn how beer is made in a local brewery.

Associated Mess Improv Comedy at Civic

When: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Where: Civic Theatre 514

Featuring Joshua Neth, Shawn Salevsky, Cindy Stauffer, Matt Candio, Troy Brokenshire, Cheryl Moritz, and Jennifer Kurtz.

For more information about these events and other events in Allentown, visit <http://www.allentownpa.gov/Community/EventsCalendar/tabid/56/Default.aspx>



Umphrey's McGee and Matisyahu Dominate Central Park

By NICK LaFALCE
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

It's a beautiful summer day in July and a great day to be in New York City. While many residents, commuters and tourists alike spent the day in Central Park for a picnic or to walk their dogs, I went for something better.

For the past twenty years now, Central Park's Summer Stage has hosted some of the best acts in music, dance, comedy and film that can be offered, and their lineup for July 9th was certainly no exception.

Up first was Prog Rock/Jam gods Umphrey's McGee, whose album I previously reviewed in this newspaper (see Feb 19th issue). As usual, their live show rocked heavily with familiar songs presented in new and surprising ways.

For any fans of live music, if you haven't seen Umphrey's McGee then you are missing out on something special and unique happening in an over-manufactured industry. The interplay between musicians is something so natural and innate that their performances hold a relieving sense of transparency to them.

Armed with microphones that allow the band members to talk to each other mid-song along with an arsenal of baseball-like hand signals, UM does not hide which parts have been rehearsed and which are happening on the fly. They were sure to play some of the established favorites (Higgins, Mulche's Oddessy) as well as some newer face-melters from "Mantis" such as Turn and Run. Lead guitarist Jake Cinninger's guitar playing is second to none and the rest of the guys still pack enough skill to take your breath away outdoors.

The band played Cemetery Walk second in the set, played six more songs, suddenly halted and went right back into Cemetery

Walk Part II, a move that had the whole audience go wild. They ended their set covering "I want you (She's so heavy)" – one of my favorite Beatles tunes – doing it justice while putting their own influence into it.

While Umphrey's has technical abilities above most, they still have a fun, sing-and-dance-alongable nature to them. This was proven with the bopping hippies, flying beach balls and the appearance of...GREEN MAN!

While the Green Man did surprise me, what really blew me away was the performance of the headliner, Matisyahu. Known for being a born-again Hasidic Jewish Reggae Rapper, he initially seems like more of a punch line than anything else, but let me tell you, Matisyahu's sound is as diverse as it seems and this is nothing but a compliment. Combining elements of Rock, Reggae, Dub, Rap and devout-jewish-ness, Matisyahu has fused many opposing ideas into something completely his own.

He was sure to play all the hits off his debut "Youth" including 'Jerusalem', 'Dispatch the Troops' and the title track. One of my favorite songs of the night however was a brand new song called "One Day". It was a simple, upbeat and uplifting song which he extended enough to have the crowd singing along by the end of it. His energy on stage was much more than I had expected; running and dancing around and at one point diving off the stage and onto the crowd. He ended the show with an encore performance of "King Without a Crown" – his biggest mainstream hit which did not disappoint.

Overall the lineup and performances given led to a great night of music in New York. This concert, while it cost around \$30 or \$40 for a ticket, served as a benefit to allow the Summer Stage hold more free concerts in Central Park in the future. So keep your eyes peeled for any shows coming up, make a day out of it, and make it a great night.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

If you had to live out the rest of your life in a fantasy world, where would it be?



"I'd want to go to Middle Earth."
-Brenden Smith, '13



"I'd live in Hogwarts!"
-Ali Toumekian, '13



"I'd want to live in the 'real world' in the movie Matrix."
-Hannah Mesouani, '11



"I think I'd have to go to Narnia."
-Kevin Yanusheski, '13



"I'd live in the Muppet world."
-Mike Milizzo, '13

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Weekend Listings



Sorority Row

Fri. 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 2:20, 5:00, 7:30

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs

Fri. 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 12:30, 4:20, 7:00

Inglorious Basterds

Fri. 3:00, 6:40, 9:45
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Jennifer's Body

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All About Steve

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Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 7:50

The Informant!

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
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The film follows Juliette as she re-acclimates to civilian life, which goes smoothly except for her frequented outbursts.

Daratt follows young Atim as the long and devastating civil war ends in Chad. Atim's father was murdered in the war,

this new addition.

and his grandfather gives him a gun and orders him to bring justice to the man who killed Atim's father. Determined to take revenge, Atim looks for his father's murderer, and instead of finding a cold-blooded killer, Atim meets a charitable baker. Atim becomes the baker's assistant, creating a strange and complex relationship between the two men.

Finally, *Ne Le Dis A Personne (Tell No One)*, is about a widower, Alex, who lost his wife Margot when she was brutally murdered. One day he receives an anonymous email in which he sees his wife standing in a crowd, being filmed live. Stunned, Alex watches his wife as she instruct him to tell no one. The police re-open the murder case and they

are sure that Alex is the perpetrator of his wife's murder. Alex then sets out to prove his innocence and find out what really happened to his wife.

I was required to attend the Tournées French Film Festival for a class, but I really enjoyed the films that I saw. Check out these great films in the library, they are on reserve.

This weekend on campus

Thursday, September 17

Raymond Barnes: Untitled
Art exhibit in Martin Art Gallery
12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Alumni In The Spotlight: Careers on Wall Street
Center for the Arts, Recital Hall
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Friday, September 18

Raymond Barnes: Untitled
Art exhibit in Martin Art Gallery
12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Meditation Group Meeting
Trexler Library, Rare Books Room
5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Shabbat service
Hillel
5:00 PM-6:00PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner
Hillel
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Student Performers
Red Door
10:00 PM-1:00 PM

Saturday, September 19

Raymond Barnes: Untitled
Art exhibit in Martin Art Gallery
12:00 PM-8:00 PM

Musician Mark Rust
Seegers Union, Upper Lobby
10:00 PM-12:00 AM

Sunday, September 20

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Chapel
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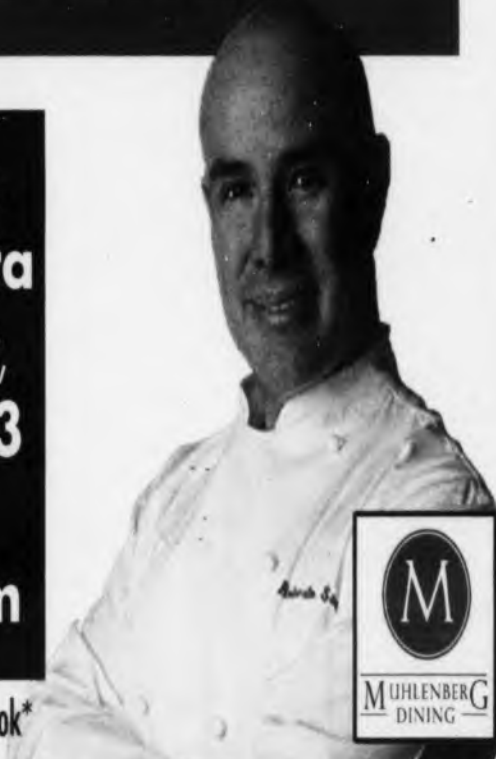
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Three 'Berg students pose for a picture at Ozzy's Sports Center this past weekend (from page 9).

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What we know now and what might go down



Cav's Corner

By Buddy Cavalieri

Week One of Flag Football has come and passed and already we have seen a mixture of blowouts and great games.

The first Sunday of the year displayed some old players showing they still got it as well as some new players showing they're not going to just sit back and let the older teams walk all over them.

After Week One there are several interesting facts that have surfaced and I have narrowed it down to ten. The ten facts we know are:

Sophomore Mark "Coatesville" Mounayar is back to officiate another season and is as trigger happy as ever.

Senior receivers Dan Fisher and Tom Gambuzza are still as great as they've ever been...if not better.

The teams representing fraternities still have some time management issues to be worked out.

Team WRE is new and improved but is certainly lacking some of the pure aggression that last year's team brought every week.

Team Ramrod is both completely human and beatable as proven by their Week one loss to Team Keith.

Senior Al Carpetto of Team LAX needs a new wardrobe.

The entire Class of 2013 has anger issues.

The Soul City Symphony can put up a ton of points and could score even more if Junior Pat Rowan could just find the endzone.

Team Nails, composed of all freshmen, are not going

to be an easy win like freshmen teams sometimes are.

Even a marathon run can not slow down Senior Ari Jacobson on the IM field.

So that's what we know after Week One, but there are also a few things we aren't quite sure about in the upcoming future. They may just be rumors, they may be predictions, they may be sure things but no matter what they might be, here they are:

Coach Mike Nolan may be looking to add a Muhlenberg Intramural Championship to his already very impressive resume.

This year's chain gang also known as the self proclaimed "Hang Gang" may wind up being the best officiating crew Muhlenberg has ever seen.

Team Keith could possibly have their second straight undefeated regular season after already winning what will probably go down as their most challenging game.

Team WRE led by three ex-football players may finally have the wins to match their heart and desire.

Junior Mark Cassera's "Sounds of Sunday" will be heard at every flag football game this season.

The season has certainly kicked off to a great start and it seems it might turn out to be even better than last year.

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Bob Clarke: Broad Street Bully behind a desk

By ALAN BASS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

If we could all accomplish just a fraction of what Bob Clarke did in his career, I'm sure we would all be content with our lives.

Clarkie, as he is affectionately referred to by fans and friends, was playing for the Flin Flon Bombers of the Saskatchewan Junior League and had put up impressive numbers. However, he was rarely scouted, as few teams sent scouts to Western Canada in the 1960s. Clarke believed the only teams scouting him at the time were Detroit and Philadelphia.

Although he was a dangerous offensive threat, many teams passed on his services in the 1969 NHL draft because he had diabetes. "Just pissed me off," Clarke said about teams not willing to take a chance on him. "But anyone who's competitive would just say '(screw) you.'"

The Philadelphia Flyers decided to take that chance by drafting Clarke in the second round, 17th overall in 1969.

Fifteen seasons, two Stanley Cups, 358 goals and 1210 points later, Clarke had silenced his doubters.

He retired from his playing career in 1984 and was offered a position in Flyers management. The love and pride of an entire city would now be moving from leading the team to running the team. But the transition from the ice to the front office wasn't an easy one for Clarke.

"It was really difficult to go from being part of what's going on on the ice to just sitting there watching, not being able to do anything," Clarke said. "So many times you have to just sit patiently and it can be frustrating if your team is struggling and you can't do anything about it."

One of the toughest tasks Clarke had to accomplish as GM of the Flyers was building a competitive team for the "New NHL" after the '04-'05 lockout.

"It was an impossibility to create a team for the new changes in the game, because we had no time to do it," Clarke said. "All of a sudden we're playing a game that none of us knew. Some teams had the right players for it, but it was all luck, none of it was by design. Some of us

didn't have the right type of players for the new game, but you're still responsible."

After the Flyers' 2006-07 season began poorly, Clarke resigned from the GM position, citing a lack of desire and burnout from the game. A few months later, he was offered his current position of Senior Vice President.

"Paul Holmgren will ask me questions of things I've gone through in similar situations - talk to me about making trades," Clarke said of his role on the team. "He uses me to talk to so he can bounce things off of me because of my experience."

"For me, it keeps me with the Flyers, it keeps me involved in the game and you still sleep better at night in this position," Clarke said with a laugh.

The Flyers have consistently been a tough team to play against throughout its history, owning the NHL's second-best all-time winning percentage behind the Montreal Canadiens. Clarke attributes that to the tremendous support of owner Ed Snider.

"We were allowed to spend the money, we always tried to win," Clarke said. "We didn't do what Pittsburgh did; lose seven years in a row so they could get good. They did it twice, in fact. They went through six or seven different owners. We've had one owner."

Clarke finds the strategies of some current teams appalling when considering the way other organizations have built competitive teams.

"It's somewhat embarrassing that three of the last teams (in the 2009 playoffs) missed the playoffs six or seven years in a row; Washington, Chicago, and Pittsburgh," he said. "Now they're good and the teams that try to win all the time get penalized. Our philosophy has never changed since 1967."

Although Clarke was never able to capture a Stanley Cup in the front office, it wasn't for lack of effort or desire.

"We do everything we can to win; it is our responsibility to our fans."

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Volleyball Sept. 11

Mules	0
FDU-Florham	3

Mules	3
Neumann	2

Sept. 12

Mules	3
York (Pa.)	0

Mules	1
Haverford	3

Men's Soccer Sept. 10

Mules	4
Wilkes	0

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Mules	3
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Centennial Conference interactive poll features Mike Donnelly

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

As a Muhlenberg Football fan, it is natural to have questions for the team and the coach after a tough loss, overtime win, upset or any game during the season. Well now, thanks to the Centennial Conference website, it is possible to chat live with Mules' head coach Mike Donnelly every week and get all of your burning questions answered. With their home opener only days away, Coach Donnelly was interviewed during the live broadcast of the Centennial Football Press Conference this past Tuesday.

A link to this new and exciting blog-type chat can be found on the Muhlenberg Athletic website. You can click on the link and then log into the website www.centennialconference.blogspot.com to post questions or just watch live as others blog with Coach Donnelly. Tune in every Tues., at 10am during the season to get questions answered not only by Coach Donnelly but by every head coach in the Centennial Conference as well. The interviews take place in alphabetical order by school name and the interviews are left up for the week, so even if you missed the interview, there is still time to check out what the Centennial Conference coaches had to say before their big games.

The Mules will play their home opener against Union this Saturday at 1:00pm. During the interactive interview Coach Donnelly was able to provide insight into what his team has done to prepare for the upcoming game as well as addressing his young quarterback situation and how upperclassman on the team are responding.

The first question blogged about during the interview had to do with the issue of having a bye so early in the season, a time that is usually critical to the development of a team. Here is what Coach Donnelly had to say about their particular situation: "We have built our schedule in the past with this in mind. A bye gives us two weeks to get ready for the rest of the season. We have come a long way in (favor of) the good since losing to Wilkes".

When asked about his Freshman Quarterback Justin Kreamer, and his collegiate

debut and adjustment to the game, Coach Donnelly had full confidence in Kreamer saying that with some good repetitions and game experience he would really make vast improvements as a rookie.

"He improves with every rep he takes. He has a strong arm and a stronger motivation to be good. He has been taught about turnovers and keeping his throws good or throw it away. Sometimes that is hard for a rookie. Being under the gun is the only way to learn this really," said Coach Donnelly during the interactive interview.

Another question posted during the interactive poll talked about Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta as one of the top receivers in the conference and how that helps a rookie quarterback. Coach Donnelly responded:

"Cresta is a leader by example and has been there every repetition of his career. He is also very even keeled and this shows. A good QB has to keep his head at all times and he can see our best (Cresta) doing this. Plus he knows that if he throws it to Cresta he will make something happen."

Finally, the interactive interview came to a close when Coach Donnelly was asked about playing their home opener against Union who is currently ranked 17th in the nation and is coming off a season-opening win. Coach Donnelly responded by addressing the fact that Union is a very good team and it will be a challenge but that their team is ready for the exciting game.

Visit the Centennial Conference interactive blog every Tues. at 10:00am to get your questions answered by Coach Donnelly. You will be sure to get some first hand, unadulterated pregame insight to what the Mules will be facing each game this



Above: Coach Mike Donnelly

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Muhlenbergs opening match against Union ended up with a 17-7 victory for the Mules. Chase Nadell '12 shows off some serious moves, including his show-stopping 87 yard kick off return.

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The Sedehi Diversity Project had encore performances of the orientation play "That's So Gay" in the Red Door last Tuesday and Wednesday.

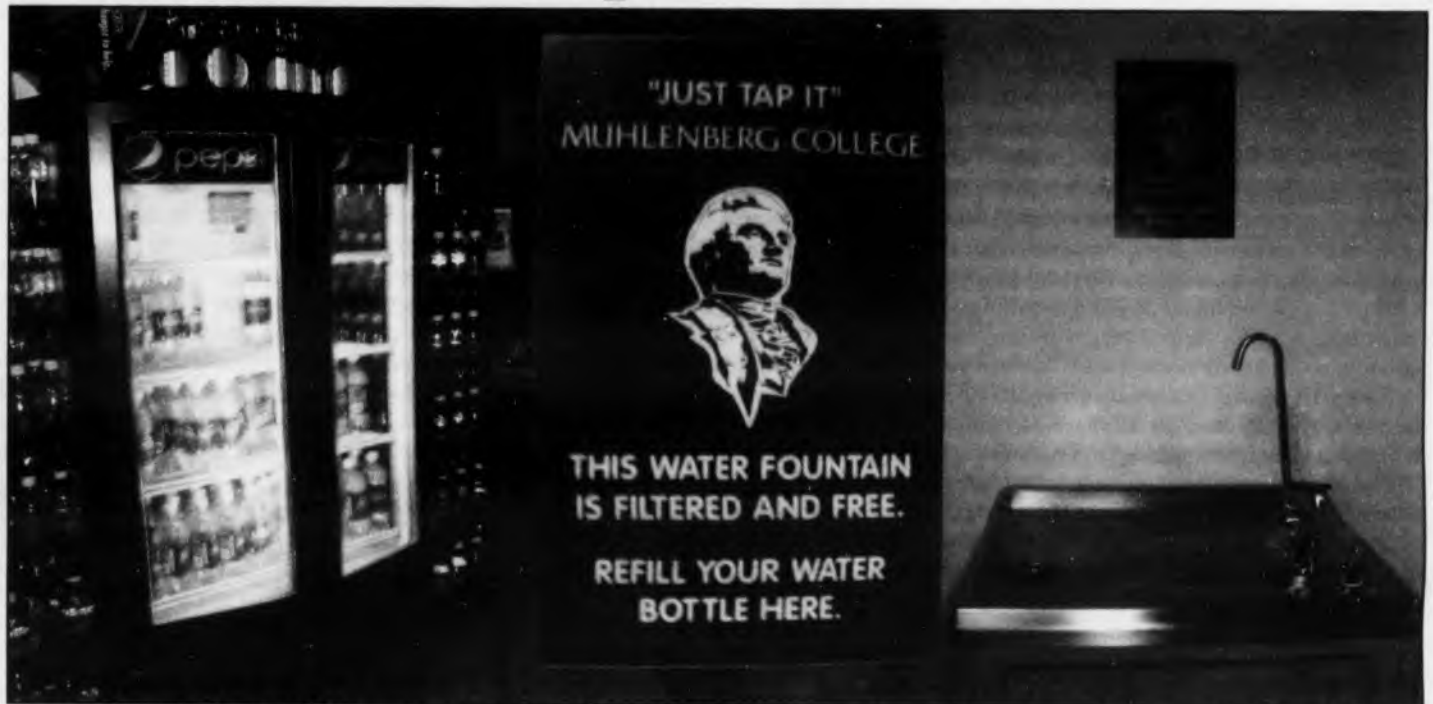
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A behind the scenes tour of the construction site and more information on the Seegers Expansion. Exciting new details on what the building has in store for students and clubs alike.

Student Government passes Just-Tap-It resolution



A portion of the 6,000 water bottles that the College currently consumes per week (left). We now have new clean water options to choose from (right).

PHOTOS BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA

By AMY BAUER
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

On Thurs, Sept. 17th dozens of students, many of whom had never been to a Student Government Association meeting before, poured into the meeting room on the third-floor of Haas. They were drawn to the meeting to lend their support to an issue they

all felt was vital to the college community; EnAct's "Just Tap It" resolution.

After their first attempt at a complete ban on plastic water bottles resulted in a heated debate and an 8-13 rejection by the Student Government, members of EnAct, and other concerned students, predicted a similar debate for their revised proposition.

In their modified submission, EnAct proposed a resolution to remove the bottles in question from the "swipe-able" meal plan and permit such bottles for purchase using only cash, Flex,

dining dollars, or credit card. Their resolution detailed the effects of the usage and disposal of these water bottles. This included the role that the production of these water bottles play in the United States' dependence on foreign oil; a production that require 1.5 million barrels of oil annually.

Currently, the College, who is a member of the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future, consumes a staggering 6,000 water bottles each week. According to the resolution, if one student swipes one disposable water bottle per day, they will save \$145.96 during the fifteen week semester by using free and filtered water instead.

Prior to the debate, the swarms of students buzzed in the third-floor Haas corridor. As they waited, they discussed the issue and worked up rebuttals in case of any resistance on the side of Student Government. Dr. Daniel Klem and

Dr. Richard Nisenbaum, of the Biology Department, and Dr. Mary Lawlor of the English Department, discussed the issue at length and offered their opinions. "It's a no brainer," Dr. Klem declared without hesitation. "It takes little effort to fill a water bottle." Klem and Nisenbaum, both having done research on this issue, believe that creation and disposal of plastic water bottles threatens natural resources with refuse.

According to Nisenbaum, certain water bottling companies take well water from a community, bottle it, and sell it back to the community. One community in particular suffered from a drought, and the water bottle company continued to take the well water, bottle it, and sell it. Essentially it depleted a community of its own drinking water. "This is not just about environmental justice," says Neisebaum, "it's about human justice."

The EnAct team, led by

President Sara Imperiale '10 and Vice President Diana Ortiz '11, was well prepared for their proposition. They arrived armed with facts, letters of support, and signatures from over half of the student population. A "statement of feasibility" from Glenn Gerchman, Director of Seegers Union and Campus Events, and Tim Tenon, the General Manager of Muhlenberg Dining Services, was presented, detailing their full support of the resolution.

Financially, the passing of the resolution will not be a concern. The new combination options in the GQ will be designed to replace the water bottles, offering dessert options and fresh fruit.

Plant Operations already has plans to create a new "hydration station" over fall break outside of the GQ.

In addition to the new filtered water fountains in the

"The resolution passed, and applause broke out in support of EnAct."

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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We'd tap that

Student Government recently passed EnAct's "Just Tap It" resolution and come spring we will no longer be able to use swipes to purchase water bottles. While some view this as a inconvenience, we believe that this is something that will be beneficial to the College community and our environment. Not only does the

Not only will this resolution positively impact the environment both locally and globally, it will also save students money.

College consume over 6,000 water bottles each week, but just to produce those water bottles and the rest of the water bottles sold in the U.S. requires 1.5 million barrels of oil each year, fortifying the United States' dependence on foreign oil. Planet Earth has a limited amount of oil, it is not renewable.

Not only will this resolution positively impact the environment both locally and globally, but it will also save students money. Water from the drink machines in the GQ is free and it does not take that much of an effort to fill up a water bottle. It is the exact same water without the cost. Our tap water is very clean, it

goes through a very intensive cleaning process. If you currently swipe for one water bottle a day, you will save \$145.96 over the course of the semester by not purchasing water bottles with swipes. Also, by getting water from the tap you will have an extra dollar and change to buy a piece of fruit, a yogurt or some extra fries.

As a part of this resolution, new, filtered water fountains will also be installed throughout campus. This addition to campus will make it easier for us to save money and be environmentally conscious members of society.

EnAct also received overwhelming support from campus faculty, staff and administration, including President Helm and his Greening Committee. In addition, over half of the student body signed EnAct's petition for this partial ban of water bottles. Your peers supported this resolution because they feel that it will be beneficial to the College. So for us it's a no brainer; just tap it.

Letter to the Editor: Just tap it

Dear Editors,

The student-driven effort to create a more sustainable campus environment has received much coverage in the pages of The Weekly, a student newspaper which should be - as Provost Ramsay points out in his interview for this paper last week, an arena for student voices and opinions.

The passage last night of the revised Just Tap It resolution is a great move forward for the College. It is progress both towards the goals of a sustainable campus, and towards the goal of a campus environment which can sustain informed, reasoned debate on matters of great concern to this community.

The Just Tap It campaign has been informed by diverse perspectives and demonstrates the links between theory and practice that are a great strength of Muhlenberg.

This campaign has its origins in the Spring '07 course, Environmental Communication, when students collectively chose to focus on bottled water for their group project, a public information campaign about an environmental issue. They planted the seeds of an idea that took root with students, faculty, and staff well beyond the course and the semester.

The message has had enduring meaning. Through EnAct's tireless efforts and leadership, President Helm's unwavering support and faculty engagement, and a process of ongoing debate within the entire community, we now have a plan that will significantly reduce the waste this campus produces through the consumption of bottled water. This is the engaged campus at its very finest and the tireless activism of students committed to thinking "outside the bottle" is deeply inspiring. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lora Taub
Chair
Media & Communications

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The death of journalistic integrity?

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE Last Friday,
WEEKLY OP/ED EDITOR President Obama

was asked about his thoughts on the financial crisis that is affecting newspapers. While discussing newspapers, he expressed concern with news sources in general. He said: "Journalistic integrity, you know, fact-based reporting, serious investigative reporting, how to retain those ethics in all these different new media and how to make sure that it's paid for, is really a challenge."

In related news, there has been a recent scandal in which a Fox News producer was caught rallying a crowd of protesters part of the so-called 9-12 Project. On their website they state "The 9-12 Project is designed to bring us all back to the place we were on September 12, 2001. The day after America was attacked we were not obsessed with Red States, Blue States or political parties. We were united as Americans, standing together to protect the values and principles of the greatest nation ever created."

First of all, that is not how I remember the day after September 11. I remember September 12 as a day of fear. I remember the years leading up to the invasion of Iraq in 2003 as years where Americans were willing to give up the values and principles of our great nation in order

to feel more secure in their own homes. It seems to me that this organization is another organization, like the so-called teabaggers (yes they actually call themselves that), that are upset with a Democrat in office and will do anything to sabotage Obama's effort to move this country in a different direction.

However, more importantly, this marks yet another step taken by the media in the wrong direction. I am getting tired of the media, particularly Fox News, perpetuating their own news stories.

Although there are several instances of Fox News, particularly Glenn Beck, overstepping their bounds as a news channel, this story clearly shows that they are less interested in reporting the news in an unbiased way and more interested in reporting what news they wish Americans to see.

It should be noted that I admit there is no such thing as unbiased reporting but it is clearly up to the reporter to strive towards this perfection as much as possible. How can a news station be taken seriously when their own producers are at rallies riling up protestors who they will then describe in a later news story as impassioned?

This surely can be construed as a conflict of interest. Recently, there

have also been instances of Fox News correspondents saying their opinion, then anchors reporting these opinions as "sources." What Fox News is becoming is a self-sustaining news station. They are telling you what they want you to hear or the news stories they are helping to create; not what is actually happening in the world.

Americans are watching shows and reading blogs more and reading newspapers less. It may be hard to see someone writing in a newspaper that newspapers are important as an unbiased commentator, surely the President's own support of newspapers can be taken seriously.

There are certain qualities a newspaper offers that a show such as Glenn Beck's cannot offer. Again we turn to President Obama: "I am concerned that if the direction of the news is all blogosphere, all opinions, with no serious fact-checking, no serious attempts to put stories in context, that what you will end up getting is people shouting at each other across the void but not a lot of mutual understanding."

People are looking to news stations that employ political commentators for news. If these stations have people commenting on the news as it is read to us, we have no ability to formulate our

own opinions on the story. When it comes to the news, is our own laziness a reaction to this form of reporting or is this form of reporting a reaction to our own laziness? We are clearly not discerning enough over where we get our news.

President Obama also makes a good point when he describes the polarization this type of reporting causes. It would surely be a pointless and juvenile argument to figure out who started it, the liberals or the conservatives, but there are strong effects to every strong action. For every Keith Olbermann there is a Glenn Beck. It seems that these two spend as much time attacking each other as they do reading the news - and subsequently spinning it.

I am not saying that these types of shows should not be out there. I am only urging news stations to inform the nation of what is actually happening in as unbiased a form as possible. It is also up to Americans to me more questioning of what they read or hear in the news. There has to be accountability. Ultimately, it is up to the Americans to hold the news accountable by being truly selective over what news stations we watch and formulating our own opinions on issues - not waiting to be told what to think by some talking head.

Jon and Kate plus the UN



ADAM YU
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Believe it or not, the whole fiasco between Jon and Kate, you know the two dummies with eight children and a reality TV show, is surprisingly similar to a recent report released by the United Nations (UN). Jon and Kate are eating up the media attention while their children are caught in the middle of this mess. On Tues. Sept. 15, the UN Human Rights Council revealed its findings alleging Israeli war crimes and human rights violations that occurred during the Israeli-Hamas conflict of last year. The mere inclusion of Israel in this attention grabbing stunt was unwarranted. Both the U.N. and Jon and Kate want to be

seen on TV, on newspaper and magazine covers, and want to make a name for themselves.

The Human Rights Council appointed Judge Richard Goldstone as the lead investigator. The all-knowing and wise UN initiated this investigation knowing full well its intention to place blame on Israel. This is the exact logic the United Nations has always played by. There is automatic guilt for both sides, no matter what the situation is. The international community says to itself, "Israel took part in the conflict so they must have done something wrong." But we must retrace our steps back to last year. Here are the pieces to the puzzle that Judge Goldstone obviously had a tough time solving; Qassam rockets, mortars, withdrawal of Israeli forces, Hamas and terrorists, Gaza, and Israeli civilian communities. Let's put all of the pieces together; aren't you excited to see what we get! First of all, Israel's efforts to completely withdraw from the Gaza Strip were completed by 2005. Despite the attempt to settle the conflict, an estimated 6,000 rockets and mortars had been hurled into Israeli cities. The rocket attacks were orchestrated and carried out by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups.

So, with ongoing attacks and a terrorized civilian population, Israel invaded Gaza in self-defense (yes, this is a case of self-defense). It was time for Israel to stand up and end this cowardly, sinister attack on its right to

survive. The state of Israel has a right and a responsibility to its people to take the necessary action to prevent any more attacks. Skeptics who question any nation's right to live in freedom should put themselves in our shoes after September 11, 2001. After that day, the United States did not sit back and hope for peace, but took an active stance to halt any future threat. Guess what, it worked!

I know that in the multilateral, let's-all-be-friends thought process the idea of right and wrong is nothing short of blasphemy, but this is a simple case of good and bad. The terrorists were unprovoked, but continued to attack. Israel decided not to put up with it. The so-called war crimes committed by Israel were a side effect of the realities of war. The Israeli Defense Force had the mission of protecting its citizens with the intention of minimizing collateral damage.

Let's keep in mind the difficulty of reducing civilian deaths and community destruction when the enemy you are fighting is hiding in mosques, schools, among homes, near hospitals, and in markets. The radical terrorists housed their weapons supplies in mosques and other civilian hot spots. They ducked behind human shields and eluded the forces of freedom by blending into their civilian populations. Israel did not go into Gaza with the intention of killing innocent people and destroying homes, but Hamas had its eyes set on

cities peaceful communities. The Israeli Defense Forces were credited with making phone calls, distributing warning leaflets, and sending text messages to alert Palestinian civilians of anticipated military operations. Remember, terrorists target heavily populated civilian areas and plot to instill fear within a society.

Isn't it refreshing to know that the UN is so willing to dish out below-the-belt punches to all of the countries who fund it and maintain its pathetic existence. Israel was not the instigator, but has been portrayed as a war criminal.

Mr. Goldstone should know that scolding both the innocent and guilty defeats the purpose of having any type of justice system. For crying out loud, he is a judge.

Here is some advice for the Human Rights Council, condemn the true criminals. How can peace be achieved when the UN is placing the perpetrators and the victims in the same boat? The UN is an organization that jumps on the bandwagon and champions the causes of human rights and international cooperation. It is an idealistic, fantasy-driven organization that lacks the drive and teeth to accomplish anything significant. Instead, Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and Syria shove the United Nations aside and wreak havoc while Israel is made out to be the bad guy. This is exactly why the U.N. is like Jon and Kate, they have nothing constructive to contribute to this world, just some showboating and nonsense.

The Right to Protect

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
WEEKLY ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

The mass hysteria caused by the impending threat of the swine flu has generated a plethora of reactions across the nation. There are those who refuse to react

to this variation of the seasonal flu, and there are others who are taken in by the purported pandemic. It seems not to matter what one's position on the swine flu may be however, because in accordance with a recent health law mandated by the New York State Health Department, every hospital, home health, and hospice worker must get the seasonal as well as swine flu vaccinations this year.

According to federal health officials, only about 42 percent of health care workers across the country get the seasonal flu shot each year, which is only slightly higher than the national average of 33 percent. These doctors, nurses, and health technicians, work in close proximity with immunosuppressed patients every day, and as a result, pass on harmful germs to people who do not have the strength to fight against it.

Opponents of this protective measure state they are not against vaccination, but the fact that it is a mandatory program. Either get the shot, or get fired is the dilemma facing New York health workers. New York is the first state or city health department that has imposed such a rule, and the local unions are reacting to the fact that instead of being asked about such a measure, they were given an ultimatum. Add to the mix all the confusion regarding swine flu, and vaccines in general, and it is easy to see why many would be hesitant to agree to such a radical imposition.

Conversely, supporters of the new health directive, again reiterate the benefits of receiving vaccinations, most especially in the health professions - if not only for workers, but for the patients as well. When you are sick, and therefore susceptible to outside contagions, would you want to be handled by a doctor who did not wish to get vaccinated, and therefore has a greater probability of passing on a disease to you in your vulnerable state? I think not.

In previous years, there has been a push for education about vaccinations, but many believe it is time for a more aggressive approach in light of the swine flu threat. For there to be a real efficacy against a particular disease, a vaccination rate of about 90 percent is generally required. The New York Health Department has recognized that voluntary acceptance for vaccination is so low, and hence responded with this mandatory program.

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Living a healthier lifestyle

BY MARGARET VALLONE
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"Your health is your wealth," my Grandma says. And it truly is. That is her motto, even though she considers a stack of Ritz crackers to be a substantial lunch. Sometimes we do not always practice what we know about a healthy lifestyle. We have absorbed information through a myriad of venues, be it our required Fitness and Wellness class, or the latest magazine diet article. The media goes wild with the new "right" way to stay healthy and lose weight. The truth—there is no one "right" way. Nothing is a one-size fits all plan because everyone has a unique body and metabolism.

All we can do is filter through the information to form a plan that works for the individual.

Health seems to exist in extremes of too much or too little food. Too much of anything is a bad thing and the extra calories quickly accumulate. Too little food will make our bodies go into starvation mode, forcing our metabolism to slow down and hold onto calories even more. We must find a balance. There are options here at Muhlenberg that support healthy living, but in my opinion, the unhealthy options overpower them all.

For example, pizza is offered every day, lunch and dinner, at three different places on campus. That is a lot of pizza. Muffins, brownies, ice cream, cookies, and chips are all too accessible. The healthy options of hard-boiled eggs, salads, and fresh fruit seem hidden amongst all the junk.

It is just too easy to order a burger and fries, grab a slice of pizza, have fro-yo at the Garden Room (and then take some fro-yo to go...). Eating healthy, having a balanced diet, is no easy feat at college. What can you do? It is all about small steps. If you have some type of fried food with every meal (like one of my french fry loving friends), try having it at only one meal.

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workers of America, in this case I believe they should just go with the flow so to speak. It seems as if the reaction against the law is not aimed at what they are being told to do, but rather the fact that they are being told to do something at all. If it is all a matter of semantics, why risk potentially life-threatening consequences, when a mere acquiescence could literally save lives? There are some things that unions should indubitably fight for, but this is not one of them.

Yes, getting shots is probably not high on most people's lists of enjoyable activities, but a few seconds of pain doesn't seem enough to outweigh a potential threat to a patient's life. A vaccine is a safeguard against disease, and the more people that understand the importance of them the better. There's safety in numbers. It's called herd immunity—the more people the disease cannot infect, the quicker it dies out, and unfortunately vice versa. Getting a vaccine against something like the flu does not mean one is going to get the flu because of it. A vaccine is only parts of the dead virus—just because someone gets a cold after a flu shot does not mean it was a causal factor. Every state requires its health professionals to be immunized against measles, mumps, and polio, and no union objects to this lay-down of safety regulations. Why should a flu shot be any different?

Far be it from me to tackle the swine flu debate, but it seems as if the attitudes toward it have created two extremes—either apathetic or concerned responses—so that no one seems to know what the right answer is anymore. We must ask ourselves, "Is it all hype, or are we opening ourselves up to a potentially harmful threat?" No one can know for sure, but if the opportunity for protection is there, why fight it?

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If you have it everyday, try picking a couple of days to enjoy your greasy goodness. I know some girls who have dessert at dinner on every third day. Also, going tray-less in the Garden Room promotes taking less food, thus eating fewer calories, and if you need more food you have to get up and walk, thus increasing your daily exercise! It is being careful about the food we choose to nosh and developing good navigation skills in the GQ and Garden Room, avoiding the refined sugars and opting for fresh fruit, vegetables, and whole grains.

This past summer my Uncle tried to get my Grandma to eat a more nutritious cracker, instead of the Ritz. This was a small step towards her eating better in general. It was a box of organic crackers. My Grandma silently rejected the crackers (though she did give them a try) and went back to the Ritz. Old habits die hard. It is up to us to break our bad habits, to change, and live a healthier lifestyle. Here is a simple recipe to get you started - without the use of a kitchen.

Citrus Cabbage Salad (A nice refreshing, crunchy, sweet and tangy salad! This salad keeps well in the fridge for about a week in a tightly closed container)

1 bag of coleslaw mix *or* 1 cup cabbage shredded

1 cup carrots shredded

½ cup orange juice (about 1 ½ oranges)

1 bunch cilantro chopped

Salt and Pepper to taste

(Optional: you can add chopped jalapenos for some kick)

1. Put shredded cabbage, carrots, and cilantro in a bowl.
2. Pour in the lime juice and orange juice, then add the salt and pepper.
3. Mix together and enjoy!

The modern day Moses

BY ALI SCHKLAIR
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

The article last week titled "The value of forgetting about your resume" pointed to a phrase we hear often on this campus. "That would look great on your resume!" This statement often concludes a dialogue between student and student, between faculty and student, and even between faculty and faculty. Any new activity or service a person is willing to try can be added to ones resume. That's the point of resumes; they map out every interesting thing we have ever done and allow us to show ourselves off. It may seem that some people are only involved so they can beef up their resumes to appear multi-faceted, multi-talented and multi-interested to prospective employers.

However, I don't necessarily think that resume boosting is a negative or unnecessary motive for participating in community service. For the benefit of the resume or not, do motives really matter? Moses Maimonides would say not really. Maimonides was a Jewish philosopher from Spain. He was born in 1135 and died in 1204. Along with being a philosopher, he was a physician, and a rabbi. His theories on God and Jewish practice were ahead of his time, and his perspective on charity may even be ahead of ours. Maimonides developed the "Eight Degrees of Charity." He describes eight situations where charity is rated from most selfless, to the least committed form of service.

1. Maimonides explains that the most valued form of service is when a person gifts another person with a skill they need to strengthen themselves independently. This can be understood through the known saying, "if you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. If you teach a man to fish, he will eat for a life time."
2. Only slightly less valued than this, is anonymous charity. The person receiving the charity does not know who gave and the one giving does not know who received her gift.
3. Below this, the one giving knows whom she is giving to but the one receiving does not know whom her gift came from. This way the "giver" cannot boost herself with gratitude from the one whom she gave to.
4. Less valued is the service where the receiver knows whom the gift is from but the giver does not know who is benefiting. This is so the one benefiting person is not ashamed.
5. Then, the type of person who serves without being asked.
6. This is the one who gives after being asked.
7. This is the one who serves proudly and happily.
8. Least valued is the service that is delivered unwillingly.

While these forms of charity are rated on most valuable to least, all forms are still included. Eliminating oneself from this scale (and trying not to replace others) one will notice that motives are almost irrelevant. I believe that Maimonides created these degrees to show that even if one is at the bottom they are still giving. What is most important and most difficult is separating oneself from the act of charity. People will become involved in community service for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes its resume building, sometimes it's pressure from family, sometimes its out of curiosity, and sometimes we just fall into it. But once the service starts the reasons behind it really don't matter. No matter the motive people will find that those receiving are mostly extremely appreciative. So if you teach a man to fish to put it on your resume, so what? That man now can serve himself, and you got to go fishing with a new friend.

Inside the Seegers expansion

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
WEEKLY NEWS EDITOR

Construction on Seegers Union began the day after the 2009 graduation.

While students may not be able to see how much progress has been made over the last three months, rest assured that massive progress has been made.

"Most of what has been done so far has been in preparation of the edition in the fall," explained Dave Rabold, Capital Projects Manager. Small things, like moving the elevator in Seegers, are in actuality quite large. Where the new elevator exists in the basement of Seegers was also the place that all of the major utilities that kept the building running resided. It was necessary to reroute these systems so that the building remained operational

during the construction. Other changes include Parents Plaza that underwent a massive facelift both aesthetically and in functionality, and the new parking lot behind Taylor Hall.

At the forefront of the project are two concerns: the students and preservation. Rabold and his team made sure to work around June Advising and freshman move-in. While many students have felt some annoyance over the removal of the parking lot behind Seegers and the added disturbance that accompanies construction, surprising efforts have been made to make this transition beneficial for students.

Several courses in the business department have even included the site as an instructional tool. Large billboards surrounding the construction offer educational tidbits on the topic of construction itself. Rabold and his team are determined to make this transition time less of a hindrance and more of an opportunity.

The need for preservation of not just the unique aspects of Muhlenberg, but the environment has also been included in the planning process. A piece of the building was actually constructed so as not to demolish the famous ginkgo tree by Prosser Hall. Many alumni have returned to visit the tree and several campus photos include its unique shape as part of the beauty of the campus.

Two other trees were moved to other locations rather than eliminated completely. The tree dedicated to Robert Rodale now resides by the Chapel. Fans of the new Parents Plaza will notice that the beach tree in front of the New Science Building used to reside at the construction site.

These trees are just the beginning of the environmental efforts involved with the Seegers Union construction. The new edition brings the building up to 90,000 square feet (from 60,000) and will take less energy to run than the current, much smaller, building. "It's just smart to be environmentally friendly," explains Rabold, "as well as good business."

For seniors underwhelmed by a building they will not get to use until they are alumni, there is still a way to make your mark on the site. On Oct 30th the final steel beam will be added to the new construct. This Topping-Off Ceremony marks the end of the skeleton of the building, and the beginning of the next phase of design. This final beam will be on display beforehand in order to give students time to sign their names on it. All students are invited to sign the beam and see it put in place.

So when will the new Seegers Union be ready to welcome students? The building will be open and already running in full swing come August 2010 when sports teams arrive to begin training. These athletes will be the first to taste the food coming from the brand new kitchen, and test the new dining hall.

"The part I'm most excited about," added Rabold, "is that the students are moving back into the building." Several of the larger organizations with offices outside of Seegers, will be receiving office space within the building. Muhlenberg Activities Council, Student Government, The Weekly, The Advocate, and Student Activities will all have office space in the basement of Seegers.

Along with these student organization offices are conference and resource rooms for projects and activities. Organizations that only need space for limited amounts of time can sign out whole Conference Rooms for the length of their projects.

This will provide these organizations with rooms to meet, organize, and store items. This area will become the new hub of activity for extracurricular activities on campus.

The new dining room will be more representative of what one could see at the local Wegmans food court. Separate dining stations will be available, with individual lines, that will make wait times shorter and expand options at the same time.

So with the new dining room next to the Freshman Quad, what will become of the old Garden Room? "It



Inside the Seegers construction site.

PHOTOS BY ROSS LITMAN

will become a new event space on campus," answers Rabold. This space can be signed out for performances, group meetings, and more. Where the old kitchen space is, will be a staging area for events going on in the Garden Room.

Students interested in the renovations can visit the progress plaza online at www.muhlenberg.edu. The Public Relations Department has plans to amp up the web coverage on the renovations. Soon there will even be mini "webisodes" visitors can watch about the construction.

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prominent locations of the college, 22 of the existing fountains in the dormitories are able to be equipped with water filters and fill spouts. As previously reported by The Weekly, President Helm and his Greening Committee have also already expressed their overwhelming support.

While EnAct was ready for battle, they were met with a surprisingly large amount of support from the Student Government. When it came time for discussion and questions, the only comments from the voting body were encouragements and calls to vote in favor of the "Just-Tap-It" resolution.

Angela Lucci '10, one of the eight members of council who voted in favor of a complete ban last year, made a stirring speech about the importance and validity of this campaign. With a quote from John Adams, Lucci said, "Facts are stubborn little things," reminding her fellow council members that the proposal is "supported by cold hard facts." Joseph Armenti '10, called to the other Representatives, "Let's give it to the people," he said, encouraging them to realize that voting in favor of EnAct's proposal is an "uncanny opportunity to affect the world."

A motion was made to take a vote by roll call, and a chorus of "Yay's" sounded in the room, disrupted by only two hollow "nay's" from members of the senior class council. The resolution passed, and applause broke out in support of EnAct. Imperiale '10 said, "We're really excited and happy that all the work paid off. It just makes sense."

Even at a time of celebration, members of EnAct kept the issue at forefront of their attention. Through an ecstatic smile, Rebecca Scarborough '10, EnAct Historian, said, "It's an important first step," keeping in mind that there is still work to be done to make this issue a thing of the past. For the time being, EnAct should be proud of their efforts and the example they have set for other organizations and students who have the passion to make a difference.

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ATTENTION:

Last week's article "Students hit by car on Chew Street" mentioned two members of the Muhlenberg community who were given recognition for the aid they gave to two injured students.

At this time, The Weekly would like to include recognition of the Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services. MCEMS had a crew on the scene of the accident just minutes after it occurred. Not only did the regular duty crew respond, but several members who were not on duty who happened to notice the event, responded to assist in giving medical care and scene control.

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Graffiti artists draw a crowd

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
WEEKLY MANAGING EDITOR

On Tues, Sept. 22, the third event for the Center for Ethic's "Ethics of Space, Power of Place" theme overflowed Miller Forum. The event, titled "Art, Life, and Graffiti" presented graffiti artists Lady Pink and Julie Lien, as well as numerous slides of their artwork.

Following introductions by Dr. Lathenia Matthews-Gardner and Dr. Margo Thompson of the Political Science and Art departments, Lady Pink was welcomed to the podium. Pink, whose real name is Sandy Fabara, began her artistic career writing but then shifted her focus to the fine arts. She is now producing her own private collection of artwork that can be found in prestigious museums across the world. Today, she and her husband have their own mural company through which Pink enjoys working with young artists. Pink calls herself a "former" graffiti artist; "I can't call myself that anymore because I'm not doing anything illegal," she told a laughing crowd.

She went on to show slides of her artwork, from her earliest subway train graffiti from the 1980s to her most recent, six foot tall spray-paint canvas pieces. Her enthusiastic commentary matched her exciting artwork, which was filled with bright, contrasting colors and incredible details. The engaged audience witnessed Lady Pink's life through pictures of artwork, starting with her somewhat modest name scrawls across subway cars, focusing on her meeting and falling in love with her husband Smith, another well-known graffiti artist, and concluding with her work modern work of helping teens through art. She continues to work with her husband, Smith, on sponsored graffiti-type projects, one of the most memorable being a patriotic mural completed in October of 2001 following the 9/11 tragedy.

Even though she is no longer a part of the illegal graffiti movement, she continues to paint murals with corporate sponsorship. Pink has a fondness for the rebellion in teens today. "As long as [space] can be respected, there's a place for rebellion," she explained. Modern graffiti can be found on freight trains and throughout cities, ranging from fun forms of expression to subtle political messages. In any case, Pink sees it as a both an incredible art movement and a valid form of communication. "People are screaming out," she said of young graffiti artists, "and you have to hear them." Working with these young people is Lady Pink's favorite part of her work. Teaching mural work to high school students has supported her strong belief that "art can heal."

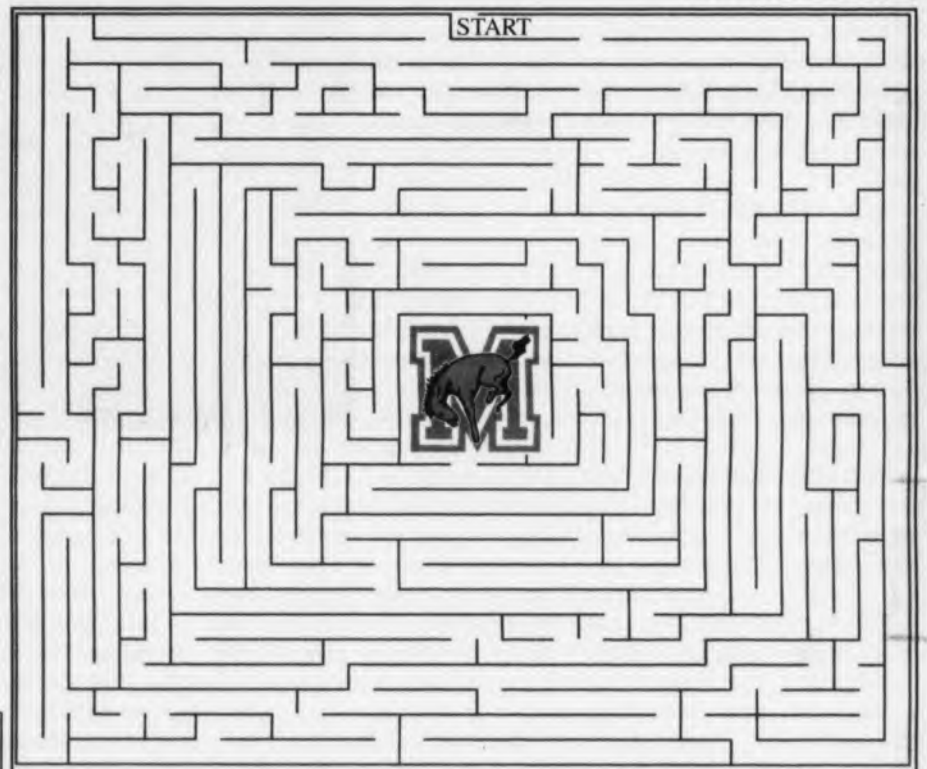
The next speaker, Julie Lien, a 17 year old former student of the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, told of how Lady Pink influenced her art and her life. During what Lien called a "rough time" during her teen years, she expressed her feelings in her artwork. After meeting Lady Pink she became inspired to do bold, colorful, and most importantly, public art. Her most recent works were filled with contrasting colors and creative creatures, no doubt aided by her ambidextrous talents!

In a panel fashion, Pink and Lien concluded the night with a question and answer session, much of which focused on the modern forms of graffiti. Pink stated that she was "thrilled" that there is still an amount of rebellion in people today, that everyone is not simply following the crowd. She did conclude on a somewhat serious note, however, saying that people need to be aware of the potential punishments that follow breaking rules. One shouldn't draw graffiti on their neighbor's cars, for instance, but "vehicles with commercial license plates: those are fair game!"



Dr. Margo Thompson, Julie Lien, and Lady Pink in Miller Forum.

PHOTO BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA



Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Showers
High: 73 Low: 50	High: 66 Low: 51	High: 68 Low: 55

Monkey Business

By JOE ARMENTI
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

In an attempt to revitalize Parent's Plaza, Muhlenberg College gave the communal area a much needed face-lift. But one particular aspect of the refurbishing has received mixed reviews. Surrounding the trees in Parent's Plaza, one can see the object of criticism: the metal bars. The intended purpose of these bars is to make banner hanging, a tradition of Muhlenberg advertising, easier and more convenient.

These bars can be lowered or raised to accommodate banner hangers of any height. Additionally, they alleviate the trees of extraneous twine and late night climbers. But these "monkey cages" as some refer to them are causing quite a stir with students as well as administration.

While understanding that some do value the organizational scheme created by the bars, Dean Green said, "I felt that the metal poles detracted from the aesthetics that had been created by the planners of the space. It had a warm and inviting feeling sans the poles that made it look and feel controlled." Many believe that the bars infringe on the beauty of the space while others like the organization the metal structures provide. But to what extent is the Muhlenberg community willing to prioritize aesthetics over practicality?

Student Body President Jon Falk '10 said, "I was disappointed when I saw them go up because it takes away from the beauty of the new Parents Plaza." In coordination with the administration and upon hearing complaints from the student body, Falk '10 brought a resolution to Student Government. The resolution, after passing easily, asks President Helm to form a committee to find an alternative means of banner hanging.

Whether the metallic shine of metal structures in Parent's Plaza continues to enshroud the trees or if they are replaced with a better alternative, students will surely continue to uphold the Muhlenberg tradition of banner hanging. While a space can be defined by its physical features, Muhlenberg's unique community is what really makes Parent's Plaza a space for fun and relaxation.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 14 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 14 – Found Property – In Moyer Hall, first floor, a reporting party turned in a found wallet. The wallet has been returned to the owner.

Sept. 14 – Injured Student – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 14 – Aggravated Injury – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a student-on-student assault. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 15 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was taken to the Health Center.

Sept. 15 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded, but the patient refused to be transported to the hospital.

Sept. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 16 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a theft of a student ID card from a wallet. The incident occurred off campus. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 16 – Found Property – At Kern Field (tennis courts), a reporting party found a jacket.

The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Sept. 16 – Lost Property – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet that had a lanyard attached to it.

Sept. 17 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. The Allentown Police Department responded. There were no injuries.

Sept. 17 – Safety Hazard – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a tree branch on a vehicle. Pictures were taken of the minor damage.

Sept. 17 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion lobby, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Sept. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, the fire alarm sounded due to smoke from cooking. The system was reset with no further incident.

Sept. 17 – Safety Hazard – Off campus, the Allentown Police Department and Allentown Fire Department responded to a call of an open pit fire. Residents put out the fire and they were told that open pit fires are not allowed in the city. There was no further incident.

Sept. 17 – Disruptive Conduct – On Allen St., there was a report of a party where alcohol was involved. The Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report and a Social Code Violation was issued. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Possession of False Identification – On Allen St., while investigating another incident, the officers were given false identification. The false identification was taken and placed in the evidence locker. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Drug Possession – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of possession of

drug paraphernalia. While officers were in the room, alcohol violations were also noted. All items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, the fire alarm sounded. No cause was found. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 18 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 18 – Larceny/Theft – In Robertson Hall, a reporting party stated that eight mums (flowers) were taken from the front of the building. The approximate value is \$85. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 18 – Larceny/Theft – On Liberty St., an officer reported vandalism to a vehicle. There was a broken window and a GPS system was taken out of the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was called and responded. Plant Operations also responded. Plant Operations took the vehicle to vacuum out the broken glass in the car. Students are reminded to keep valuables out of view or not to store valuables in their vehicles. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 18 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, lower level, a fire alarm sounded. No cause could be found. A work

order was sent to Plant Operations to clean the detector.

Sept. 18 – Intoxicated Person – At Phi Kappa Tau (Hillside House), an intoxicated student was observed in possession of a traffic sign at Leh and Gordon St. The student fled the scene. The individual was later located and transported to the hospital. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Disorderly Conduct – Off campus, there was a report of disorderly conduct. The Allentown Police Department responded. The person was advised not to return to the location. There was no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Found Property – Off campus, there was a report of a person carrying a "No Outlet" sign. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker until Plant Operations was able to pick it up. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a stolen poster from the upper level of Seegers Union. The suspect is a white male, wearing a white T-shirt, jeans, and a light colored baseball cap worn backwards. The suspect was last seen heading towards the south side of campus. If anyone has any information on this individual, they are asked to notify Campus Safety.

Sept. 19 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 428 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS re-

sponded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 19 – Noise Complaint – In Benfer Hall, third floor, an officer reported a noise complaint. The room was cleared and the residents were advised that they would be written up again if the officer returned. There was no further incident.

Sept. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. 22nd St., a light was seen on in a basement. Campus Safety investigated. The officers found a party happening inside. An alcohol tap device and other alcohol paraphernalia were found and confiscated. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 20 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On N. 23rd St., vandalism and an alcohol violation were seen in the N. 23rd and Gordon parking lot. Allentown Police Department was notified. A student was arrested for vandalism, underage consumption, and public drunkenness. A Non-student was arrested for underage consumption, public drunkenness, and possession of an open container. Two vehicles were found vandalized. Photos of the damage were taken. Vandalism to one of the vehicles was caught on CCTV recording.

Sept. 20 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Library, there was a report of theft of money. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 20 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

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WEEKLY

Life!

"A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not yet discovered the value of life."

- Charles Darwin

Mark Rust: Far from a rusty experience

By NOAH FRIED
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

On Sept. 19, the College played host to musical artist Mark Rust, a cultured, talented, and extremely decent man. Able to play a great variety of instruments (namely the guitar, fiddle, piano, banjo, mountain/hammer dulcimers, and his grandmother's old silver soup spoons), Mark Rust's music appealed to every ear in Seegers Union. And yet, the most impressive was not his wide array of instruments, but his ability to connect with every member of his audience.

Kicking the show off, Rust brought out his guitar and fiddle; with each new song he had a new story to tell. One song on the fiddle was about a devil and a farmer. Apparently, the devil wanted the farmer's wife (to which the farmer had no qualms) and then the devil brought her down to hell, where he witnessed a new hell-fire like he'd never seen before! But it didn't matter whether the song he played was comical or sad—Rust played each one with appropriate emotion and it showed on his face—and on those of the audience.

Next, Rust busted out his pair of ancient silver soup spoons, which showed the signs of long-term abuse. Nevertheless, the sounds these spoons made were joyous and attractive to the ear. Amazingly, Rust was able to simulate a drum role and a horse gallop. After demonstrating these spoon-playing methods, Rust cheerfully said, "Now we've come to the part where you guys get to be the band." From somewhere behind him, Rust pulled out a red bag filled with spoons and encouraged everyone in the audience to pick a pair for themselves and then form a circle around him. Rust played an upbeat tune on his fiddle and we awkwardly jammed along attempting those techniques he had done so beautifully. We didn't sound that bad.

After one or two songs, Rust retired the spoons and pulled out a trapezoid shaped, rather old looking hammer dulcimer. The instrument is composed of many strings and is played with small, wooden

"hammers." An ancient instrument with a background eloping many different cultures, the dulcimer, as Rust explained, was very much the inspiration for the piano.

However, when Rust started playing this classic dulcimer, the music he played was far from old and dull. Instead, the songs he played had an almost hypnotic



Noah Fried '13 with Mark Rust

PHOTO BY MARK RUST'S ASSISTANT

effect. These tunes were by far the most emotional of the night and had no lyrics; but somehow their meaning reached everyone. The sound was so tender that laughing passersby were stopped short in their tracks. It was such that you tended to drift and forget that his hands were actually working—the songs all told stories and your mind provided the details.

Finally, to bring the concert to a close, Rust pulled out his guitar and asked, "Can I just play this last one for my daughter?" What followed was the sweetest song of the show; Rust had written it for his daughter and sung it to her as a baby.

After the show, while Rust was letting audience members experiment with the dulcimer, I asked some 'Berg students around me for their immediate thoughts.

"It's great to see someone so inspired," said Andrew Clark '12. "Someone who enjoys what they do so much."

"It was a really heart-felt performance," said Lauren Minnich, '11.

Eventually I made my way to the big man, himself. Rather than ask him about the mechanics of his work or his various influences, I asked Rust simply, "What is the reason for your music? What is the driving force behind it?" He related to me that the music was an extension of himself, the most natural thing in the world to him. Rust told me he purely loved to play and would still do it for himself even if he weren't a professional.

Jumping on a sudden idea, I asked him if he could play just one more song for me. There were still some chattering students in the area, but when Rust started playing James Taylor's "Fire and Rain" the surrounding Seegers couches were filled once more. The song was personally satisfying and the crowd sang along. It's that sort of passion that we need to see more of in today's world. Not only in music but in other things too, like in writing, politics, and healthcare. If you're currently a senior make sure when you take that next leap towards a career, it's a career that makes you happy every single day.

Rust comes from a family that's entirely devoted to music. It all started when his grandmother started a nightclub called "Swiss Trudy's" in which different members of his family were able to become musically active. Rust has performed across the United States at colleges, festivals, and clubs and also in other countries such as Canada and Japan. He now lives near Woodstock NY with his wife and two children.

If you'd like to learn more about him, simply go to his website: www.markrust.com.

Diversity: That's So Gay a huge success

By LIZ FONSECA
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

"Let's start off generally. How do you feel about diversity at Muhlenberg?" So begins this year's Sedehi Diversity Project's play titled, *Diversity (That's So Gay)*.

This "documentary theater piece," organized annually to be presented at freshman orientation, was performed again last week on Tues., Sept. 15 and Wed., Sept. 16 in The Red Door to offer everyone on campus a chance to see this controversial show.

It is created from a collection of interviews about diversity conducted with the students, faculty, and administration of the College community.

When one thinks of the College, diversity probably isn't the first thing that comes to mind but that doesn't mean that diversity on campus isn't important for students to discuss, and this presentation is one way to get the conversation started.

The play, actually designed as a catalyst for discussion, doesn't primarily focus on race. It tackles the problems of religion, sexuality, economic status, and

the restricting boxes they place people into, especially students trying to fit in and make friends.

The performance begins with the ensemble seated throughout the performance space, blending in with unsuspecting audience members, who become quickly exposed to the kinds of things said on this campus behind the veil of anonymity.

Throughout the show, the eight cast members continuously switch characters, assuring that dozens of different voices and opinions are heard.

Bringing what might have only been whispered behind closed doors to the stage may cause some tension, but that's the idea.

During the community talkback offered directly after the show, ensemble member Jeramie Mayes '12 shared, "We want people to be uncomfortable and wonder why they are."

Michelle Rossi '13, went to revisit the show after already having seen it two weeks before during her orientation. She felt that seeing it a second time, after being acquainted to the campus, made her appreciate

the presentation much more because she had come to see for herself the truths of the material. She was "instilled with the urge to make the problems of diversity on campus better."

Other audience members spoke about how the play genuinely caused them to recognize the certain advantages and privileges they were born with that give them privilege, whether it be the color of their skin or the gender they're attracted to.

However, not all reactions to the play were positive. One student felt the play shed a "very negative" light on the College and others chimed in to agree.

No matter how one feels about the piece, it must be acknowledged that none of the dialogue was made up - this is what those in our community really feel about our home.

When asked if he's witnessed a change in the campus since his first viewing of the show three years ago, student director Christopher Alvaro '10 responded, "I do think more people are willing to talk about it

Gossip Guru

BY SASHA FIERCE
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Hey guys and gals. Sasha Fierce here, bringing you another week's update of what's hot and happening in the world of celebrity.

Firstly, if you read last week's column you know how in love I am with *Glee*, so you'll all be happy to know that it has been picked up for a full season! Sweet deal, so excited for more "Glee-ness." On a sadder note, the uber talented Christina Aguilera opened up about suffering a childhood filled with domestic abuse at the hands of her father. At least it made her stronger!

Last week I announced the season opener for *Saturday Night Live*. Well, now it is speculated that the queen herself, Madonna, might be making a return to the show this season. Let's keep our fingers crossed! Khloe Kardashian and NBA player, Lamar Odom, announced that after only a month a dating, they will be tying the big knot this Sunday! I have no clue how anyone can put together a Hollywood wedding in such a short amount of time, but if anyone can do it, it's a Kardashian. Basically, all the paparazzi seemed to get that this week was a lot of celebrities out

with their kids being good parents. Go online and search the past week, and all you'll get are adorable images of celebspawn with their seemingly good parents... who would have guessed? I would also like to take a moment and declare my love for Neil Patrick Harris. He rocks of *How I Met Your Mother* week after week, and also did a bang up job hosting the Emmy's this past weekend...

Neil Patrick Harris for the win anyone?
"Go online and search the past week, and all you'll get are adorable images of celebspawn with their seemingly good parents."

Things seem to be happening so quickly in Hollywood today, just last week I reported Zooey Deschanel's engagement. Well, over the weekend she got married to her sweetheart in a private ceremony. Mazel Tov to the newlyweds. Do-gooders of the week go to Blink-182, who has announced that \$100,000 of the proceeds from their show in Phoenix, AZ, Saturday night will be donated to the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta, Georgia as well as the

Grossman Burn Center in Sherman Oaks, California. Way to pay it forward. In other news Ashley Tisdale is back to being a blonde, if anyone cares. The wife of *Grey's Anatomy's* Eric Dane, AKA McSteamy, has announced that she is carrying a child. Good for you! Clips to look at online this week- Beyonce singing "Halo" to a young girl with cancer in Australia, and Kelly Clarkson's cover of Miley's "The Climb." Hottie Megan Fox has a fear of flying and the only thing to help her get through it is Britney Spears? That girl, while being a sex symbol, is one of the strangest people out there in my personal opinion.

And the new couple to watch out for? For all you tween lovers, it is possible that country cutie, Taylor Swift, and Twilight hottie, Taylor Lautner might have a thing for each other... Taylor? I'd like to see that happen. Especially after all that Kanye drama, the girl deserves a real man.

Well that's the gist of the past week.

Remember berggossipgirl@gmail.com with any tips. Love me, hate me, say what you want about me, but all of the boys and all of the girls are begging to "If You Seek Amy."

Singing in the Red Door

BY ALI TOUMEKIAN
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

"You can look like a fool and no one else judges you because they look like fools too." This was how freshman Michelle Rossi responded when I asked her why she was at karaoke Friday night at The Red Door.

True words indeed, because I firmly believe that there is no better way to lose all your dignity than through the beautiful gift of song.

That principle became even more clear about fifteen minutes into the night when Michelle and I dazzled the crowd with a stirring rendition of "Baby Got Back," but enough about my superb rapping skills.

Throughout the night many of my fellow freshman got up to showcase their talents and I began to see sides of people that they normally don't reveal after three short weeks of knowing each other. This got me thinking: maybe Friday night karaoke was just what the freshman class needed to win friends and influence people.

This may sound silly, but I believe there is a lot of weight to this argument. As college freshmen we are pressured to make friends as soon we come to campus. However, it is extremely hard to be yourself and relax as you are being thrust into this new environment.

Needless to say, the first couple of weeks of freshman year are a bit overwhelming. Then, when MAC sponsors events like Friday night karaoke, we are encouraged to go and mingle with the other members of the student body.

I must say that the freshman turnout Friday night was pretty impressive.

In fact it was all freshman, which in the long run was probably a good thing. It gave members of the Class of 2013 to relive the "good old days" singing such standards as N*Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye" and The Spice Girls' "Wannabe."

More importantly however, it gave them a chance to goof off and openly be themselves. As one freshman Katie Finklestein put it, "You don't have to be serious... you can just have fun."

And have fun we most certainly did. As more and more people got up to try their hand at the mic, I began to see the deeper meaning behind the broad smiles and the expertly crafted dance moves.

I saw people being accepted and friendships being formed.

I think the general consensus was that karaoke at the Red Door was a complete success, and I fully expect MAC to be sponsoring another one in the months to come.

What's a better stress reliever than finals karaoke? Anyway it seems that the singing prowess of 2013 was too hot to handle, because just as my friends and I were about to hit the stage and fulfill a college dream of mine by singing The Temptations' "Shout," the fire alarm went off.

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now at least." He went on to describe the show as "darker" and "more pointed" than last year. A big point that the students involved made was how important it is to keep changing the performance every year simply because diversity on campus - and the issues it brings - is always changing. Discrimination and intolerance aren't things that can be dissected and solved overnight, so the Sedehi Diversity Project aims to make the audience aware of the problems

and eager to join the fight against them. It can't be denied that the show does push us to think about the reasons we treat others in the way we do and vice-versa.

The only way to make a change is to acknowledge the issues.

The next time you're grabbing coffee with your friends, instead of talking about the latest celebrity breakup or what you plan on buying at Giant that day, why not try bringing up the topic of diversity? You may be surprised with what you hear about diversity.

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Brad Paisley shreds at the Allentown Fair

BY NICK LAFALCE
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Brad Paisley: Half country star, half comedian and half guitar hero.

If you have listened to him before you know exactly what I'm talking about, but to those who haven't, don't let his cowboy hat fool you.

I know many of you reading this like to listen to "Anything... except country," but at second glance, Paisley shows that he possesses many genre-crossing qualities that make his music, and especially his live shows, stand out from the rest of twang-talkin' patriots, that so many of us can't stand.

Something is different about Paisley. His songs share the same feel-good-ness of other country pop but he has things they don't: humor and guitar virtuosity.

While many of his songs are serious and sincere, they also come with those on a little lighter note.

Whether it's a love song where the hook is "I wanna check you for ticks", or how he is "so much cooler online," Paisley is sure to throw a few zingers your way. Along with his brilliant lyric writing capabilities, as a guitar player his fusion of jazz, country, blues and rock make his face-melting solos some of the best in the biz.

Musicianship is something that Paisley never compromises. His band is extremely talented and there is usually a part in the show where they will be featured with an instrumental.

This night he did a mini-medley featuring "Cliffs of Rock

City" – a favorite of mine. The title is in homage to Eric Johnson's Cliffs of Dover (for those Guitar Hero III players) and like the original, it has an epic driving guitar riff and allows Paisley to feature himself and the rest of his band in a jaw-dropping performance.

While Brad may not be a big name on this campus, that clearly did not affect the turnout for this show. I never found out how many people the outdoor theater holds but just imagine a lot of people and then add a lot more. It was incredible to see how many people came and Mr. Paisley seemed pretty surprised himself.

He was sure to graciously thank the crowd for putting aside money to see him in such hard times and it was evident that he wanted to put on the best possible show he could.

He opened up the show with an acoustic intro to "Start a Band", in which his band came in at the chorus.

He was sure to play a few songs off his new CD "American Saturday Night" including the title track, "Water", and "Then" – a lovely ballad extended to allow for an epic guitar solo to end it.

He was also sure to play some of the older favorites including "Alcohol," "Mud on the Tires," "Celebrity," "The World," "Ticks," and "Online."

After repeatedly assuring the crowd that we were going to live the last night of summer together, he appropriately ended the show with his own version of Don Henley's "Boys of Summer" leaving the crowd in high summer spirits.

"Something is different about Paisley. His songs share the same feel-goodness of other country pop but he has things they don't: humor and guitar virtuosity."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What is your personal life philosophy?



"Keep your pants on and your engine going."
-Dr. Jim Bloom, English professor



"No goal is too great to achieve."
-Michelle Rossi, '13



"They say when you die, your life flashes before your eyes—make it worth watching."
-Will Henry, '13



"Two rules: Don't sweat the small stuff and everything's the small stuff."
-Frankie D, '12



"Don't ever be afraid to ask questions."
-David Cooper, '11

AMC Weekend Listings



Fame

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs

Fri. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40

Surrogates

Fri. 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
Sat. 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
Sun. 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

Jennifer's Body

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:15
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:15
Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:15

All About Steve

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

The Informant!

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

You preggo-ed my Eggo!

BY KEVIN TOMASURA
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

We have many ways of saying it: pregnant, knocked up, carrying, expecting, preppers, maybe just fat, totally #\$\$*ed, sacrilegious, "wait what the hell is this blue line?", "what does a plus sign mean?", and, "does 'pregnant' mean I'm pregnant or not?", but regardless of how we put it, it all means the same thing.

Whether we like to say that girl has a bun in the oven, or "seventh graders will be seventh graders", what we are really trying to say is that someone's life is about to change. Big time. Typically this means that the guy's player days have put on hold, and the girl can barely keep the word "commitment" from spilling out of her mouth every ten seconds, but sometimes things are not as they seem. Every so often, when the stars align, maybe only 500,000 times in every million, the world is turned head over heels. In this excessively rare situation which only 75% of men encounter, a chorus of angels sings out proclaiming an anthem unlike any other. The song they seem is familiar to very few, but it goes something like, "Not pregnant." Such is reality of the almost mythical pregnancy scare.

Whether it's Big Foot or the Loch Ness monster, we all believe in something that we know is real but just can't convince the world. For some of us, this is the pregnancy scare. Mapped out across the world and recorded in the stars by such cool pop cultures as the Mayans, the Vikings, and martians, the pregnancy scare is a thing of legend, a tale passed down through the generations, whispered in every babel known to man. The story is like any good recipe: ambiguous and amorphous, never the same, but always good. At least as I have heard, in my many travels, it goes something a little like this:

Once upon a time there was a "couple" (this term is hotly debated by scholars). This "couple" had been bitten by the love bug so to speak and had decided to put the couple in copulation (again something seems lost in translation). Either way this tragic tale of lustful loins is told, it all ends the same, and we find our hero and heroine successful in the endeavor in more ways than one. For you see, a month later, after a series of complications in which Jim and Janice don't talk anymore because of this and that, him getting around and what not, Janice breaks her long kept silence and reestablishes contact with Jim. Jim, hears his phone ring the special booty call ring, and answers in his best big boy voice, "I was wondering when you'd come crawling back." Janice, undeterred, utters those fatal words, "I'm pregnant."

Jim, undeterred, chooses not to listen and fast forwards to the part of the conversation where Janice says, "we really need to talk, meet me in my room". Jim takes a quick shower with his Axe body spray and puts on his best sweatpants, because he doesn't want to seem to into it or anything. He knocks once, combs his hair back and enters her room. Long story short, they share a heartfelt conversation about what to do next and Jim ponders upon the usually ironic name of planned parenthood.

Once this conversation is over however, our couple finds themselves trapped in a vortex of sick circularity, as Jim has disappeared and stopped coming to English class. Nevertheless, one fateful day, Jim is awoken from his sweet dreams of totally macking it with a half lizard girl, to a text containing his new favorite kind of punctuation.

Jim sighs a sigh of relief and then ponders just how it is that one in four girls can misread a pregnancy test, and just why God created periods that are inconveniently delayed by stress, and why man created condoms at all. And so the story continues...

BY E.M. LISSENING
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

How to start a sex column? Sex is such a large and broad topic, but oftentimes limited to those that have engaged in it. So how then, I wondered, can I make it interesting to everyone? Thus, I will pursue this column from a relationship standpoint, and my articles will progress as does the relationship.

And so we begin with the first stages of romance, in which one begins the hunt for a partner, or "ritual mating dance."

Can I start off by telling you of the strange looks I received when I asked "are you looking for a relationship?" Someone actually replied: "Why, do you have a boyfriend you want to get rid of?"

Most of the guys and girls I spoke to were not rearing for a relationship, but were keeping an eye out, if you will. However, one tigress told me point blank she was a relationship kind of person and was looking for a boyfriend. Said tigress also informed me of a trend of hookup-then-date, of which I, as a freshman, was unaware.

I was surprised when a sophomore actually supported this trend, saying he first "hooked up" with his now-girlfriend then began to date her.

What does this mean? Is it easier to get physical with someone before getting to know them? I feel that this would be incredibly awkward!

"I don't know what his favorite color is, but I know he uses cinnamon toothpaste."

Please explain to me how this is better than the traditional dating-before-hooking-up. This leads me to ponder how many people prefer a (lone) hook-up to a relationship? Some of the males seemed to think that most guys prefer a hook-up to a relationship. True? Do enlighten me, and I'll post more on this next time.

Continuing on with meeting mates, I asked my victims just how comfortable they were approaching someone they found attractive. You'd be surprised how many people said they would be comfortable walking up to someone they think is foxy and starting a chat.

How many of them actually do this? You got me.

They did distinguish between starting an easy-going conversation and blurting "hey, I think we should go out some time." How can someone, by the way, just walk over to a stranger and ask her out? I've never seen you before, I'm not even sure I think

you're attractive, and you just asked me to spend time with you. That tells me you are shallow enough to want to date me based on my looks. You think that makes me want to date you? Uh, no. But I digress.

My informants were not only looking for dates at school, but also at home. Two seniors I spoke to told me they were only looking at home. Intrigue! Someone pointed out that it is harder to meet people (comfortably) outside of school.

So what, dear reader, do I expect you to get out of this?

It's quite simple.

From my research, it's safe to say that a large portion of the campus isn't currently jonesing for a relationship, but would be quite happy if one happened along.

Although the majority of people think they'll find a partner at school, whether in class, through friends or at a party, a few also look at home. And lastly, it's probably a safe bet that someone will seek you out if you strike their fancy.

Have no fear that some tortured soul is suffering in silence over her irrepressible attraction to you.

Sooner or later she will talk to you and you will know that someone, somewhere carries your torch.

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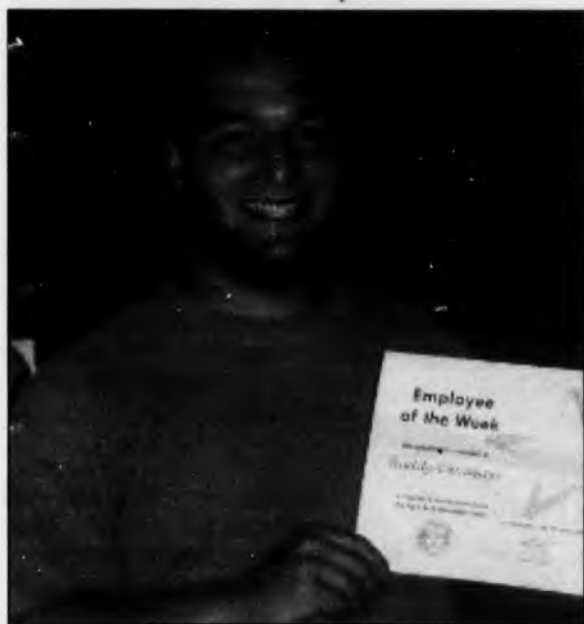
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Cav's Corner

By Buddy Cavalieri

Week Two of IM Flag Football was one of few surprises. The week consisted of a few of the premier teams in the league showing their dominance over some of the newer teams. Many people could have

predicted the way this week would have gone and that's just the way it goes sometimes. Several teams showed that when they are on their game, they are very tough, in fact nearly impossible, to beat. But just because there were no upsets certainly does not mean that this week was boring. In fact the week showed some very impressive performances.

Sunday began with Team Ramrod recording their first win on the year and doing so in a very dominating fashion. Sophomore Justin Greenstone, made his big debut for the team and showed he could do it all. Greenstone played some stellar defense to go along with his two touchdown catches on offense. The highlight of the game had to be when Junior Mark Cassera (Team Ramrod's Quarterback) pitched the ball to Greenstone for a fake toss which Greenstone then threw back to a streaking Cassera thirty yards downfield for a touchdown.

Team Keith has almost locked up first place in the East Division through only two weeks. Once again, led by Senior Dan Fisher, Team Keith played in and won two games on Sunday. They continued to show their powerful offense putting up a combined 78 points in the two games and holding their opponents to only 22. It's becoming more and more apparent each week that the Collin Wolfer-Dan Fisher connection is almost unstoppable especially when all of their other receivers

are playing well to compliment them. Team Keith is already 3-0 thus far and shows no sign of slowing down.

This week also kicked off the Women's IM Soccer program. Tuesday night, about eighteen girls showed up for the first night of the program and the ladies certainly came to play. The game was highly competitive, hard fought and resulted in a 3-1 final score. The game also consisted of some great goalie efforts by Sophomore Mark Mounayar and Senior Brian Ward who helped out the girls in net. The Intramural Committee was really impressed with both the amount of women and the caliber of play that took place. This year's group already seems to be a more dedicated group than last year's. The IM Committee is excited to see the women's program finally starting to flourish and expects it to keep up in the weeks to come.

The IM Committee would also like to announce the launching of its first ever website. The web address of the website is currently <http://sites.google.com/site/mulesintramurals/>.

We are hoping within the next few months to have the intramural site incorporated into the college website but for now it can be found at the above address. The site has features such as the schedules for each sport as well as weekly updated standings. The Committee is really proud of the launching of the website so be sure to check it out.

Nail-biting victory for Field Hockey

By ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Lately, watching a Muhlenberg Field Hockey game is a nail-biting event. Three of their last four games have gone into overtime and three of their last games have

been decided by just one goal. With these statistics it is not a surprise that Friday's game against the Washington Shorewomen was decided with only 1:11 left to play in the game.

The Lady Mules beat Washington 1-0 and Junior Jess Kaza claimed the victory with her first goal of the year. Seniors Kristen Sabia and Tara Cohn were also contributors in the play. Sabia passed a penalty to corner to Cohn who connected to Kaza for the goal.

The team talked after the game saying that they could not have another game go into overtime. They knew they needed to end it during the 70 minute regulation. The first half was slightly disconcerting for the Mules who did not even take a shot in the first half.

The Mules however came together in the second half taking many shots at the Shorewomen and participated in a riveting, back and forth second half. During the second half, Freshman Goalie Kristen Dornenburg made five of six saves. In what appears to be the new norm for this Mule team, waiting until the last second to score the winning goal, the Mules captured the victory.

This was the first Conference game for the Field Hockey team and the players agreed it was good not only to win their first conference game, but also to start Conference Playoffs without going into overtime.

The season has just begun but it will be very interesting to see if the Lady Mules can avoid multiple overtime games or if it is indeed a new style of play.

Men's Soccer defeats F&M

By DANIEL E. WAYNE
WEEKLY SPORTS EDITOR

This was not just another win. This was not even just the first of Centennial Conference wins. This was a sign to the rest of the league, and region, that the

Mules have themselves an offensive machine that is a force to be reckoned with.

Last Sat., Sept. 19, the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team (4-2, 1-0) came away with a decisive win against in their first Centennial Conference game of the year. On the road, the Mules treated their hosts, the Franklin and Marshall College Diplomats (4-2, 0-1), to a 4-0 trouncing.

The Dips were coming off of a four game winning streak, but this was no contest for 'Berg's impressive scoring prowess. In the 4th minute of the game, Junior Forward Tommy Reilly split two defenders with a leading pass to Senior Forward Eric Miller, who put the ball past the F&M goaltender, frozen in his tracks.

After riding a 1-0 lead into halftime, the Mules scored again, this time in reciprocal form. In the 57th minute, Miller found a streaking Reilly on the backside of the goalie's box. With one quick touch, Reilly put the ball into the back of the net and the Mules had a comfortable 2-0 lead.

This was not enough for the men from 'Berg. In the 64th minute, Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini scored pasted a diving goaltender. The assist came from Senior Midfielder Adison Weseloh, who two minutes later would prove while the Mules are to be a feared, offensive threat.

The Mules finished their scoring with a goal from Weseloh. Upon receiving the pass from Miller, Weseloh took one touch of the ball and then fired a shot from the top of the penalty box to the top left corner of the goal. This laser beam of a shot left the Dips' goaltender in the dust and polished off a nice win for Coach Sean Topping's team.

"This is not just another game," Junior Midfielder Evan Rubin told the starting line-up before the game. "This is a Conference game and the level of play is a lot more intense. We have the ability to score and we need to put away our chances."

Putting away their chances is exactly what the Men's Soccer Mules did against the regionally ranked Dips and what they expect to do against the Gettysburg College Bullets when they visit the Gettysburg Campus on Sat., Sept. 26.

"Four goals against Franklin and Marshall really sends a nice message," Rubin said after the game ended. "Not very many teams can put up four goals in three straight games in the Conference, region, or even nation for that matter."

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95-yards setting Katz up for a field goal bringing the score to 17-7 Mules.

With 5:35 left in the game, the Mules stopped a fourth down conversion attempt by Union. Later in the drive, Dandridge shot through a hole made by the offensive line. Leaping over a fallen defender and breaking a couple of tackles, the freshman running back got the first down the Mules needed in order to run out the clock and win their first game of the young season.

After a hard-fought loss against Wilkes almost two weeks ago, this win was exactly what Muhlenberg needed to reenergize the season. Union was fresh off of an impressive win against Ithaca College. Dandridge improved on his 120 yards from two weeks ago and rushed for 112 yards last Saturday averaging 4.7 yards a carry. Going into training camp it wasn't clear who would lead the offense behind center and in the backfield. But, Dandridge and Kreamer have exceeded expectations.

Two Mules were given honors by the Centennial Conference for excellence in Saturday's game. Frank Emmett was named Defensive Player of the Week for his seven tackles, fumble recovery and deflected pass which led to an interception. Chase Nadell was named Co-Special Teams Player of the Week for his 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Next Saturday, the Mules will travel to Gettysburg (0-3, 0-1) for their first in-conference game.

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course of the game that shows we have the potential to do some real damage when our league schedule gets underway."

Head Coach Ken Latteman did not like the result of the game, but was just as optimistic as Bass. "East Stroudsburg has really grown their program and I was very impressed with their talent level," Latteman explained. "We had a hard time responding to their energy...however, I was very happy with the play of our new freshmen. It's nice to know we'll have them around the next four years."

Muhlenberg has a week off for Fall Break before returning to the ice against Neumann College on Fri., Oct. 2 for an 8:15 home game.

All Muhlenberg home games are played at The Rinks at Lehigh Valley. Shuttle Steve can take you to the game!

Mule's Cross Country makes great strides

BY JOY FORLENZA
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last Saturday, both the male and female mule cross-country teams made good strides at the Dickinson/Long Short invitational. This meet was different in

that both teams had the option of running a longer race or a shorter race, hence the name "Long Short Invitational." The men had the option of running in the 8.1k race or the 4k race and the girls had the option of running the 6k race or the 4k race. Remarkably, Junior Bobby Torphy finished 9th out of 182 runners in the "long" 8K race for the men and Junior Kate Mahoney came in 10th out of 121 runners in the 6K, also placing in the top ten. The Mules did not have a team score because scores were based on fielding a complete team in both the long and short races. The majority of the Muhlenberg guys ran in the longer, 8.1k race, while the women ran in both races but did not field a complete team in either segment.

Although, Dickinson won the meet and are the defending Centennial Conference Champions, Torphy displayed a positive attitude by saying the meet was "a great start to our season," and, "a good opportunity." He also added, "Our first meet was almost like a warm-up, but this weekend we got a chance to really see where we are at as a team. The freshmen ran well, and Sophomore Ryan Ganley had a great race after coming off an injury from last season. We competed well as a team and are looking forward to continued improvement throughout the season." The other schools that Muhlenberg competed against included Swathmore, Gettysburg, and McDaniel.

Next, the team is looking forward to competing in the Paul Short meet on Fri., Oct. 2nd, which will give them the opportunity to run against the best schools in the region. However, with Regionals being held there later in the season, the competition at this meet is a highlight in the team's schedule because it provides the team with an opportunity to compete against the best teams in the region on the same course that will later decide which teams go to Nationals.

Senior Patrick Thorton said that it's important that he runs his best in the Paul Short Meet because making the most out of every meet will prepare to run well enough to place high at the conference meet. Thorton explains, "One of the primary objectives of the all teams at Muhlenberg is high placement in the Conference Meet. Competing and running as well as possible at this meet motivate us to train as hard. This is my senior year so I want to make the most of every meet opportunity but placing high at the Conference meets a top priority."

In the meantime, the Mules cross-country runners will be running hard together each day and will help to keep each other motivated while they await this upcoming event!

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Football Sept. 19		Men's Soccer Sept. 16	
Union	7	Mules	5
Mules	17	Moravian	0
Field Hockey Sept. 18		Sept. 19	
DeSales	1	Mules	4
Washington (Md.)	0	Franklin and Marshall	0
Women's Soccer Sept. 16		Men's Golf Sept. 20 - 21	
Messiah	6	Guy W. Kuhn Invitational	6th
Mules	1	Mules	
Sept. 19		Volleyball Sept. 19	
McDaniel	0	McDaniel	3
Mules	5	Mules	0
		Wilkes	2
		Mules	3

Scotty Wood Stadium hosts a big home opener

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Last Saturday was the home opener for the 2009 Muhlenberg Football season. Aside from the thrilling victory over Union, who was ranked number 22 in the

nation, the amount of support the Mules received was just as impressive.

As a senior at Muhlenberg I can remember many times where our football team had a great record or was even undefeated and the amount of people that attended the games portrayed the Scotty Wood Stadium as pretty lackluster. Who can forget last season when it rained on almost every home game? I know I wanted to make it out to those games but instead would turn on Service Electric hoping the game would be broadcasted or I would sit in my room and listen to the play by play that was streaming on the internet.

Through my four years I have to say that there have been noticeably better turnouts than others such as last year's NCAA game against Wesley where most of the school came out to celebrate the Centennial Conference champs' attempt in advancing in the tournament. It was great to look at the entire stadium where a sea of red and white clad students cheered on their team.

The season opener on Saturday was just as notable. The stands were crowded with Muhlenberg students, alumni, parents, members of the community, Muhlenberg coaches, professors, and administrators and staff. These Muhlenberg fans were bustling about the stadium socializing and cheering for the Mules. The scene at the home opener could have easily been confused for the yearly homecoming game which is always packed to what appears to be full capacity. It was so exciting as a student who enjoys athletics as well as the comradery it brings, to be a part of the huge turnout for the game. It made me excited for the rest of the season and proud to be a part of Muhlenberg who showed just how much it cares about its athletics and sense of community.

The Muhlenberg Women's Basketball team was in charge of selling programs at the game as they do every year at the home opener. This year the amount of programs sold was completely indicative of the turnout at the game. One hundred and ninety-three game programs were sold at the game, the most since the 2007 Moravian Game - when Muhlenberg was attempting the close out their first undefeated season in school history.

This fact says it all: finally we are starting out a season right and getting the kind of turnout that our football team deserves. Let's just hope this turnout for the season opener forecasts what the rest of the season will be like for the Mules: large turnouts of students, parents, staff, faculty, and members of the community for exciting, victorious games.

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Convincing 17-7 defeat of Union shows football team's promise

BY BEN LEVINE
WEEKLY OP-ED EDITOR

Last Saturday, Scotty Wood Stadium was filled to capacity to watch the Muhlenberg Mules (1-1, 0-0) defeat the nationally ranked Union Dutchmen (1-1, 0-0), 17-7 in the Mule's first home game of the season.

After winning the coin flip, Muhlenberg deferred Union to receive the opening kickoff. On the first two drives, the Mules and the Dutchmen exchanged punts leaving the Dutchmen backed up on their own 15-yard line 5 minutes into the first quarter. Union then converted two first downs and appeared poised to drive into Muhlenberg territory when Sophomore Cornerback, Chris Hartzell, intercepted the ball at the Muhlenberg 41. On second down, Freshman Quarterback, Justin Kreamer, eluded the Union blitz and completed a screen to Freshman Running Back, Terrence Dandridge, who broke several tackles to get the first down. Then, a 15-yard personal foul penalty committed by the Dutchmen put the Mules on the Union 28 yardline. The Mules were then forced to attempt the field goal after committing a delay of game penalty and a couple of incompletions left them with a 4 and 2 on the Union 20 yardline. However, a fake field goal attempt was detected by the Dutchmen and the Mules drive ended scoreless.

On the ensuing drive, the Union quarterback was flushed out of the pocket and forced to throw another interception to Junior Linebacker Scott Gavin on the Muhlenberg 38. Although this drive ended on another punt, it set the tone for the game. The Union quarterback was never completely comfortable in the pocket and was frequently under pressure. The Mules defense was spectacular allowing only 218 yards compared to last weeks' 261 yards.

With less than 10 minutes left in the first half, Senior Defensive End Jeremiah Lachaud sacked the Union Quarterback. The fumble was recovered by Senior Linebacker Frank Emmett who ran the ball for 7 yards on the Union 16. An illegal shift penalty backed the Mules up 15 yards. But, Junior Running Back Joe Montemurro made up the yardage and then some and eventually got the Mules a first down. On third and goal, Kreamer completed a slant to Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta for a 7 yard touchdown.

After a Muhlenberg pass was intercepted by Union at the Muhlenberg 49 with just over one minute left in the half, the Dutchmen completed a deep pass setting them up on the Muhlenberg 1. On first and second down, the Mule's Defense wrapped up the ball carrier for no gain and a loss of 5 yards respectively. However, on third and seven the Dutchmen converted for a touchdown to tie the score at 7-7. The Mules retreated into the locker room seemingly deflated for the second week in a row.

The momentum that Union received going into the half was immediately offset by a spectacular kickoff return by Sophomore Kick-Returner Chase Nadell. Nadell received perfect blocking and juked, then stiff armed the kicker on an 87-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

On the ensuing kickoff, Junior Kicker Michael Katz booted the ball for a touchback. The Union drive ended in a punt completing the shift in momentum in Muhlenberg's favor.

With just under 9 minutes left in the third quarter, the Mules got the ball on their own 1-yard line. Led by the electric running of Dandridge and an extraordinary scramble by Kreamer, the Mules marched

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Sophomore Chase Nadell returns a Union kickoff for Mule's Touchdown.

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'Berg Ice Hockey drops season-opener in close game

BY DANNY LEWICKI
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Friday night, the Muhlenberg Ice Hockey team opened their season against East Stroudsburg University for the second consecutive year. A much-improved East Stroudsburg team came out flying against a Muhlenberg team that took two periods to regain their legs in a 3-2 loss for the Mules.

Muhlenberg's night was highlighted by the great chemistry shown by their first line that included returning Sophomore and Alternate Captain Cody McKinney, Sophomore Andrew Milanesi and Freshman Ross Miller. The line was not broken up by Coach Ken Latteman all night, and as a result they responded by being on the ice for both Muhlenberg goals.

East Stroudsburg was fast, physical and seemed to have more heart than the Mules in the first two periods, going up 3-0 on two goals by Ryan Malandra and Tim Brown. They also outshot Muhlenberg drastically throughout the game, ultimately putting 51 shots on Senior Goaltender David Emerson.

However, Emerson played like his normal, incredible self during the course of the game, stopped 48 shots for a fantastic .941 save percentage.

Miller scored the Mules' first goal of the season and his first career college goal at

17:39 of the third period when he tipped in a shot from the left side of the crease. Will Behrns and McKinney both recorded assists on Miller's goal.

Less than eight minutes later, recently named Captain Junior Will Behrns put a shot past East Stroudsburg goaltender Travis Lepar on the power play and cut the East Stroudsburg lead in half. Milanesi was credited with an assist on the goal.

The Mules fell victim to undisciplined play early in the game as they took seven penalties in the first two periods, before taking just one in the third (and drawing six East Stroudsburg penalties as well). Muhlenberg was also the victim of bad line matchups as their third line of Junior Chris Maher and Freshmen Mike Moffat and Mike Arbittier were caught on the ice for two of East Stroudsburg's goals.

Ultimately, though, Muhlenberg's third period was cause for great optimism, as they outplayed, out-hit and out-scored East Stroudsburg for the full 20-minute period, but ultimately could not tie the game with a late power play.

"It was a tough way to drop the season opener, especially in front of our home crowd," Sophomore Manager Alan Bass said. "But ultimately, we have to look at this game optimistically. We had six new players in our lineup and we saw a progression throughout the

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"New member education" hasn't even finished for most Greek organizations, but ATO has been re-colonized and new members have been initiated.

Homecoming King and Queen Announced



Newly crowned Homecoming King Adam Rogers (left) and Queen Quila Israelson (right).

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BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Sat. Oct. 3, students and alumni alike gathered for the Homecoming festivities under a uniquely warm and sunny day. During the half-time break of the football game against Johns Hopkins, the traditional crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen occurred. This event had been weeks in the making, and the cheering of the expectant crowd matched the building excitement.

Two weeks prior, the senior class was asked to nominate two men and two women to be their Homecoming King and Queen. From these nominations the top ten men and women were selected as candidates for the titles. Following the nominations, each of the nominees were interviewed by a panel of faculty and students. These interviewers represented the departments and organizations responsible for the presentation of the Homecoming Weekend, including students from MAC and Student Government.

These interviews included

questions ranging from the basic "What have you learned from your extracurricular activities?" to the more interesting, such as "What superpower would you want?" The results of these interviews narrowed the field of candidates down to the top 5 men and women. The top 5 men included Joseph Armenti, Kyle Detweiler, Jonathan Falk, Patrick Fligge, and Adam Rogers. The top 5 women included Jayne Condon, Quila Israelson, Trisha Kadakia, Sara Keller, and Brittany Williams. According to Emily Morse '10, a student intimately involved with the planning and execution of Homecoming said, "the candidates represented so many diverse aspects of this campus."

The senior class voted a final time for their top choice of each sex. The names of each member of the Homecoming Court were announced as the nominees walked out in pairs to the center of the field. Portions of the crowd cheered for each of the names announced over the field speakers. President Helm and last year's Homecoming King, Ryan Kurtis '09, and

Homecoming Queen, Kelly Owens '09 were all there for the presentation.

This year's Homecoming King and Queen are Adam Rogers '10 and Quila Israelson '10, respectively! Kelly Owens ceremoniously relinquished her crown to Israelson by placing the crown on her head. "For someone who is rarely shy, I actually was a little nervous," said Israelson. "I am really thankful that people voted for me."

Israelson, a Business Administration major and Studio Art minor, has been very involved in campus life since her freshman year. She is a proud member of AXO and is the Presidential Assistant for Hillel. Among her other clubs and activities, she enjoys her work as a campus tour guide and her involvement in Cystic Fibrosis on Campus.

According to Israelson, being nominated for court had always been an ambition of hers. It still came as a shock to her, seeing her name on the list of candidates during the two rounds of voting. Her favorite part of the nomination process was "the interview because I was asked

really fun questions." Israelson would like to congratulate the rest of the Homecoming court and hopes they enjoy the remainder of their senior year.

Adam Rogers, a proud Baltimore native, is a Political Science major. Rogers is the Vice President of DTD as well as the President of the Interfraternity Council. Rogers mainly felt relief when his name was called from the loud speakers. "I spent hours preparing for the interview, trying to imagine all of the potential questions" says Rogers of the nomination process.

His favorite question of the interviews included what Disney character he was most liked, what kind of alcoholic drink he would be, and what word he would say for the rest of his life if he could only say one. Rogers admits to not really knowing what the Homecoming court was, but he was very excited that he was on it.

Of his fellow court members, Rogers wished to convey that "it was truly an honor to share the field with such phenomenal gentlemen."

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Spirit 'Weak'

Question: how many of you went to this past weekend's Homecoming football game? And by go to the game we mean attend the whole thing, not just stay for the first half and leave after halftime, and not just as a requirement for some other school organization that you're involved in? Yeah, we didn't either.

It's not that we lack any school spirit, we take great pride in our "don't be an ass, be a mule!" t-shirts, but there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm around campus for the majority of 'Spirit Week.' Maybe we were just too busy with our schoolwork, but the e-mails at the beginning of the week changing and cancelling typical spirit week events were still a definite bummer.

First the athlete auction, typically the yearly charity event of Spirit Week, was cancelled due to "low athletic participation," followed by the relocation of the powder puff football game so many times that students and faculty could hardly keep track. While we understand that these things could not be controlled, they didn't help a spirit week flanked by a not-highly-attended pep rally and a Johns Hopkins defeat of our Mules on the football field.

We can't help but wonder why we seem to be lacking in the spirit department this year. The pep rally was an exciting night of performances and dance-offs, the football game had ideal weather and the stands were filled with visiting families and alumni, and and though Academic Row lacked the yearly display of comical and spirit-filled scarecrows, Parents' Plaza was adorned with an impressive display of pumpkins carved by different school clubs.

No one wants to point fingers, we're all a little at fault when it comes to coming up short in the spirit department. But we can't help but hide our disappointment, especially that there were no major charitable events like the athlete auction as a part of this year's Homecoming events.

Here's hoping that in the future, we can don our cardinal and grey gear and put forth our best efforts to plan and attend these kind of events. We want to show our visitors, alumni, and especially, rival football teams that we still know how to 'neigh,' or 'bray,' or whatever it is that mules are supposed to do.

Paper-y news things

By KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In the July 2009 issue of Vanity Fair the Editor-In-Chief, Graydon Carter, wrote about how newspapers are vital to the "intellectual health and vigor of the commonwealth as a whole." Well, since the demise of newspapers is slowly but surely approaching, that is not the most encouraging thing to hear.

He's right though, we're taught from a young age that reading and being informed of what is going on in the world, your state, your town or even just your school is critical to become an intelligent citizen who is able to contribute something to the community. So why have we stopped reading newspapers? The actual printed issue I mean, not the digital version of it. I believe it is because we think it is more convenient to get our news online.

Maybe so, but in my case I actually remember more of what I read in an actual print copy of the paper rather than the online version. When reading the news online there are distractions – email, Facebook, shopping, games – all just one click away. So in reality you are probably just skimming the articles or just reading the first paragraph to get the gist of it before you get caught up in the information overload of the World Wide Web. When reading a hard copy of the paper you are more removed from those distractions and you are more likely to actually understand and remember some of what you read.

Maybe I'm just old fashioned but to me there's a certain appeal to holding a newspaper in your hands and reading the news rather than staring at a computer screen. By holding that paper in your hands you are holding a piece of the history of this country; you are living that history. What appears in today's newspapers are the stories that start with, "Back in my day..." They are the stories that you are going to tell your children and grandchildren just like your parents and grandparents told you and still tell you today.

When you stare at a computer screen you are just another victim getting sucked into technology that is supposed to help make our lives easier but will probably end up doing more damage to our well-being than good. If you are reading this right now I doubt you are reading it online. You probably picked up a copy of this week's issue from Seegers and started reading the news the old fashioned way; on paper. Good, keep doing it and in case you were unaware, the New York Times is also made available in Seegers everyday

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Muhlenberg Dining

Garden Room



Thurs, Oct. 8 Dinner

Arroz con Gandules

Rice & Pigeon-pea Dish
Puerto Rico's National Dish

Pernil

Seasoned Pork with Spanish
Infused Flavors

Partnering with Comunidad Latina, EnAct
& the International Student Association



Tues, Oct. 13 Dinner

Local, Organic & Sustainable Dinner

Learn about the impact of
local foods and taste
the freshness!



Friday, Oct. 9 Lunch

Enchiladas Suiza

From our Mex to the Max
Dinner (You asked for it!)



Wed, Oct. 14 Dinner

Come & Celebrate the Festival of Lights

Enjoy an authentic Indian Dish

My generation

BY LAUREN BOYD BERNTON
OP/ED WRITER

We've been given tunnel vision; put on the defensive. What do I want to say about my generation? When I should have diatribes of emotion or be spewing fourth ideas of culture and a better society - I draw a blank. I've been told I don't care, that I'm disengaged and unaffected. And the times I can venture outside this constricting cage of thought, I feel vulnerable. I've always assumed the best of our generation, but given the chance to defend us—explain to the world that we do care about affecting change through the political world—and I've got nothing. Like an armored knight without a sword, I'm ready for a battle I know I just can't win. The facts aren't on my side, and a good amount of my friends aren't either. A lot of them would rather get drunk than get active; would rather fill their lungs with smoke than fill their brains with knowledge. Hell, more of my friends than I care to admit would rather take a nap than talk about current events or politics. The worst part is, some of the time, I feel like I should also. So how does a lone soldier find solace in a battlefield where the warrior is encouraged to sleep?

Despite the fact that we are living in what could easily and speedily become the most dangerous time in human history, we don't feel threatened. The President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has made it no great secret that he intends to accomplish the extremists' longtime objective of wiping Israel and the West off the face of the map. And he may soon have the means to do so. With the threat of a nuclear strike seemingly more evident with each passing day, Americans go about their everyday lives. The chaotic world does not hurt enough for us to change. We are blind to danger around us. But our current blindness doesn't condemn us forever. It's no easy task, but we will wake up. I have faith in our generation. We are a generation of strong individuals, who if nothing else, like things to go our way. And when the war around us gets so that we cannot possibly ignore it any longer (as unfortunately I have no doubt it will), I have complete faith that our generation will be able to handle it—and we will overcome.

Our generation is a sleeping giant. Our everyday lives may consist of video games and magazines; our consciences dulled as the mind-numbing blurbs pass by on CNN. Full of urgency yet still distant—a TV screen away. But still, though we may tarry, I have faith that at our core we are still Americans no different from the ones who built this country—thinkers and doers who accomplished seemingly impossible feats when the time has called. When it truly becomes clutch time, the people in the world who seek to destroy us will realize they have greatly underestimated our power and will to see justice and freedom persevere.

We are disengaged. We are unaffected. But it is only our tunnel vision that keeps us here. Our self-dash image of cage minds and disconnectedness has made it hard to imagine ourselves any other way. Now politicians can close their ears to the few, but the time will come when our voices will be many and loud. And other generations will stop telling us we don't care; and more importantly—we'll stop believing them. Perhaps my confined intellect is right, and this is merely the idyllic rant of a shut-eyed fool. But I doubt it.

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for free so we can stay up to date on national and international news. Eventually, we are going to have to start paying for the news that we read online anyway. Newspapers have been laying off their employees left and right because they simply are not making enough revenue off of their paper sales. We will see this trend continue as more and more people start to read the news online rather than buying a hard copy of it. Eventually, they will charge us to utilize online news sources because people will always be needed to gather, organize, write and disperse the news and those people have to be paid.

So, buy a newspaper every once in a while. Help people to keep their jobs and help your prized internet news source stay free. Do not buy a paper solely because of that; however, purchase it and take the time to actually sit down and read it because you want to get the most out of what you read. It will prove to be beneficial to your intellectual health and maybe, just maybe, you will actually enjoy the much needed break from your hectic daily schedule.

Complain a lot? Write an op/ed.

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A tour of Allentown

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To tell the truth, I did not know what to expect when I got on the bus to take me for a tour into Allentown. As a freshman, this was only the end of my second week at the College, and I was not even used to on campus life yet. How was I going to take seeing another new place, and another new life, when I had not even gotten used to this one yet? Since I had signed up for this trip, I walked onto the bus, and patiently waited for the ride into Allentown to begin. When the bus finally started, I can remember myself growing tense and excited at the same time. A woman who had helped organize the trip was speaking to the students about what was coming up, but I could hardly pay attention. All the things I had heard about Allentown were going through my mind at that moment: how different it was from the College, the many clubs and restaurants there, the diversity, the frightening things I had heard about it, and the many exciting things speakers at Orientation had said about it.

As the bus drove into downtown Allentown, I was reminded of my hometown, New Rochelle, NY and its downtown. The many shops that filled the streets, the small skyscrapers that filled the skyline, and the traffic that was everywhere I looked. What surprised me the most were the blossoming businesses that were going on almost right next door to the College. Allentown has its own big electric company! How cool is that? Once we got out of the business section of Allentown, we were taken into the First Ward. We were given a tour of some of the small neighborhoods there, and even stopped by a small playground that was overlooking the river. I thought the river was beautiful, and even took a few snapshots of what seemed to be a canoe race happening at that very moment while we were there.

Something I missed from my high school that is not seen as much at the College is diversity. I was very happy to see the diverse people living in Allentown, as sometimes seeing the same people here at the College can get tiring. By the end of the tour, we stopped at an ethnic restaurant where, I was happy to note, there were options for vegetarians like myself. (The spicy food did not go so well with me, though...) By the end of the tour, I was exhausted, but glad that I had gone. I can remember one of the organizers asking me what I had learned about Allentown on the way back to campus, but all I could do was mumble out a few incoherent thoughts about the "importance of diversity and stuff." Now that I look back on it with a more coherent mind, I know that I was given a chance to look at my new home. If I was to go back to that moment and answer her again, I would say that

I did not necessarily learn anything, but I experienced something new and unknown, which is now very rare in life. Oh, and I learned one more thing: go to Jack's Pizza on Tilghman Street. It's supposed to be a sight to behold.

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Presenting the 21st Century Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny



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Has it been too long for us to remember watching Looney Tunes and all of those classic cartoons, you know the ones from way back in the day. It seems so long ago, doesn't it? But if you have forgotten, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of one of the classic cartoon character duos.

There is that oh-so familiar quote from Elmer Fudd, "Be vewy, vewy quiet, I'm hunting wabbits," and the typically ridiculous and clever ways Bugs Bunny gets away. Believe it or not this comedy sketch is strikingly similar to today's international relations issues, particularly between Iran and the United Nations.

Last week the United Nations (UN) convened its General Assembly and hosted a long list of influential world leaders ranging from President Barack Obama to Libyan leader Muammar al-Qaddafi. Most of the speakers at the

opening of the General Assembly drew little attention, but Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was not one of them.

It seems as though he is some sort of repellent, because every time he speaks, crowds walk out. As he spewed his familiar rhetoric, delegation after delegation left the General Assembly chamber, and with good reason. For nearly twenty years, Iran has been nothing but a nuisance to the free world and it is about time for the international community to put a stop to Iran's disruption.

The frustration over Iran, its regime, and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad stems from its stubborn pursuit of nuclear weapons and inflammatory remarks against Israel, the US, and the democracies of the West.

Throughout this conflict, there has been a tug-of-war over an acceptable nuclear energy and weapons capability. The answer must be a nuclear-free Iran.

Unfortunately, the UN seems to have been at the forefront of the anti-nuclear and regulatory policies established in response to Iran's behavior.

It is quite fitting to compare the UN to Elmer Fudd, due to its numerous attempts to hunt and reel in Iran, or in this comparison, Bugs Bunny, who always has a trick up his sleeve and eludes Elmer.

How has the UN been trying to tame the wild beast that we call Iran? It has so generously given Iran and Ahmadinejad more time, slapped their wrists with wimpy sanctions, and engaged in more unproductive negotiations.

With these strategies in place, Iran's nuclear program is chugging along and only getting closer to completion. The free world is giving and giving, while

Ahmadinejad is taking and taking. He wants exactly what the UN and the West is doing, caving in to pressure and wasting time looking for the nice way out. The true intentions of Iran have been spelled out in a quote by Hassan Rouhani, one of Iran's nuclear negotiators, "While we were talking to the Europeans in Tehran, we were installing equipment in parts of the facility in Isfahan... In fact, by creating a calm environment, we were able to complete the work on Isfahan." Just so you know, the facility in Isfahan now houses several nuclear reactors and enriches yellowcake uranium of weapons grade.

The list keeps on going with Iran's suspicious behavior. On Sept. 26, the US, UN, and other Western countries discovered a secret, underground enrichment facility in Iran.

It is located near the secluded, mountainous city of Qom. Iran knowingly delayed informing the international community about this facility and violated international law by not disclosing information to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

I guess we ruined their plans by stumbling upon this well kept secret (which by the way is supposedly run by Iran's Revolutionary Guard).

Believe it or not, a few days after the unveiling of the hidden Qom facility, Iran carried out missile tests and military exercises only demonstrating its incessant belligerence. This is not the first time the Iranian regime has been elusive.

Back in 2006, the UN passed a resolution calling for Iran to end its enrichment program, which led to the regime's outspoken objection and it also prevented IAEA inspectors from visiting a large underground enrichment facility

in Natanz.

Year after year, Iran has been heightening tensions and creating headaches for the rest of the world due to its lack of cooperation. The bottom line is Iran must not attain the capability to develop or use nuclear weapons. A nuclear Iran will lead to instability in the Middle East, an even more vulnerable Israel, and an empowered state sponsor of terrorism with an in-house supply of weapons of mass destruction.

This cat-and-mouse game has to stop. The Obama administration ought to take the lead while the UN takes a back seat. The US should refuse to negotiate with Ahmadinejad until he shuts down all of Iran's nuclear enrichment plants with direct oversight from IAEA inspectors, publicly renounces terrorism, combats terrorism with actual efforts (arrests, trials, and dropping financial support) aimed at radicalized groups such as Hezbollah and al-Qaeda, and agrees to end his meddling in the American and Iraqi efforts to establish a functioning government in Iraq.

Let's be realistic now, the thought of playing nice with Ahmadinejad is naïve. Under his current policy, Iran will press ahead with its weapons development under the illusion of a peaceful, nonmilitary program. Should we continue to give Iran more time? Keep in mind Ahmadinejad's professed mission to destroy Israel, the US, and beef up terrorist attacks against the free world.

Precedent has shown us exactly how Iran operates. The rules should be no deals, no bargains, no excuses, and no exceptions. The question is, will the U.N. or the Obama administration stick to these rules? After all is said and done, I have a hunch that Elmer will never catch Bugs.

Un"alien"able right to health care

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The other day, I was watching a clip of the anchors on Fox News' "Fox and Friends." They were indignant at the inclusion of undocumented immigrants in the new health care plan. The health care debate is getting increasingly heated – this fact has been clear ever since Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC) shouted out, "You lie!" One of the latest strategies of those who are against the new health care plan is to complain about the limited access given to undocumented immigrants.

One of the most despicable aspects of this strategy is in the term used to describe these people: "illegal immigrants." While on the surface this term seems to be harmless, it is being used to make undocumented immigrants seem undeserving of natural rights. It is very easy to deny a label life. It is easy to say that an "illegal immigrant" doesn't have the right to health care. It's different to

say "a person" doesn't have the right to health care.

Also, calling them "illegal" suggests that they are criminals and as such don't deserve the same rights that American citizens have. It can be very difficult to get citizenship, so it seems ridiculous to equate being an undocumented immigrant with being a criminal. In fact, being an "illegal immigrant" is only a civil misdemeanor – similar to a speeding ticket. By this standard, anyone who has ever sped should not be allowed to have health care coverage.

But this is not an argument about how restrictive citizenship should be in the United States. It is an argument for the rights of man. Our Declaration of Independence says: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." An

unalienable Right is an inherent right. Our founders were saying that man has the right to life. If an undocumented immigrant is sick and can pay his bills at the hospital, why should the government deny him life? Rep. Michael M. Honda (D-CA) said: "Undocumented, if they can afford it, should be able to buy their own private plans. It keeps them out of the emergency room." Think of how easier and more efficient emergency rooms will be. Also, shouldn't we strive to treat people with contagious diseases? Isn't it desirable to not spread potentially harmful germs?

Considering how terrified of germs our country is, look at how many hand sanitizers there are everywhere, doesn't it seem strange we wouldn't want to treat people who could potentially spread disease.

Even if an undocumented immigrant was unable to pay his bills and the burden fell on the taxpayer to pay his bills, why

should he not be entitled to be treated? How much would each taxpayer pay for each undocumented immigrant who needs emergency health care? Surely, if we can spare money for luxurious and superfluous goods, we could pay a few extra dollars to ensure that another human being lives, someone who could have an entire family depending on him.

I am as sick of this health care debate as you are, but denying a person life because they were not born in our country or because they did not leave after their visa expired seems to be capitalism at its ugliest.

Is this really a country that believes that money is more important than people? In the end, having a piece of paper that says you are a citizen and that this entitles you to rights that others don't have is ridiculous, elitist, and wrong when viewed through the very documents that this country was founded upon.

Diversity initiative targets FYS

BY KRISTIN LAPOS
LIFE EDITOR

The subject of "diversity" is just as potent and controversial at the College as in the United States at large, and many College community members think that diversity is a valuable part of their education. To more fully address the College community's desire for more student exposure to diversity, the Multicultural Center, located next to Hillel, on Chew Street, is launching the Passport Program for Diversity Learning.

The program, administered through First Year Seminar (FYS) classes, is an initiative aimed at giving freshmen incentives to attend multicultural events on and off campus.

The program launched this semester when the Center began issuing "passports" to freshmen in participating FYS classes. Students will receive stamps on their passports if they attend Center-approved diversity events. Anyone concerned about any ulterior political agendas will quickly discover that the continuum of approved events covers almost every political, social, and ethnic sphere.

In October, Center-approved events include the Homecoming Pep Rally, West End Oktoberfest, sporting events like volleyball, football, soccer, and ice hockey games, an Indian Music performance, New Voices, and a series of "Brown Bag Lunches" featuring informal lectures by various speakers. This is not what most students imagine when they consider "diversity."

"Things that are diverse for me aren't necessarily diverse for you," Dana Scholar Rachel Gutman '10, who works in the Multicultural Center, explained. "The French Film Festival is an obvious example of a 'diversity' event, but a football game can be just as diversity-oriented if you've never gone to one before. We ultimately want to encourage participation in campus events."

As an incentive to participate in these events, each FYS class will compete against other FYS classes for the most combined stamps. At the end of each semester, the FYS class with the most combined stamps will win a prize such as a day at the movies or dinner at a restaurant.

If the program is successful this semester, the Center plans on making it a permanent part of the FYS curriculum. The response from FYS classes so far have been positive, according to Robin Riley-Casey, Director of Multicultural Life: "So far we have reached out to more than half the FYS classes. The professors and students have been positive and excited about competing against different FYS classes for fabulous prizes."

Riley-Casey also explained some of the misconceptions about the role of the Multicultural Center that the program may work toward changing. "Some Muhlenberg community members think of the [Multicultural] Center as a place where Blacks, Latino/as, Asians, Liberals, Christians, Muslims, and LGBT members hang out, and that's true," she said.

"But it is also a place where Whites, Conservatives, Jews, straight folk, able-bodied and differently-challenged people are welcome. Our goal is to bring communities together."

The program started at Lourdes College, Riley-Casey's alma mater, under the direction of Lourdes' Director of Student Activities, Lisa Binkowski. Riley-Casey and her mentor Dr. Therese Hoffman designed the passport program into a Multicultural Center diversity initiative.

"Since its implementation, there has been a noted increase in student involvement in activities across campus. The program there was a success," Riley-Casey said. Although many students may see the initiative as an attempt to redefine the Multicultural Center's role on campus, Riley-Casey explained that it really serves to "fulfill its mission."

Said mission states that "the Center is committed to promoting and sustaining an inclusive atmosphere that fosters and enriches multicultural understanding."

Although the Program is geared toward freshmen,



The Multicultural Center on Chew St.

PHOTO BY KRISTIN LAPOS

the Center hopes that upperclassmen can also benefit from it. The Center's website lists its approved events in chart format every month, giving all students a printable schedule of almost all campus events that is easier to read than the Campus Events calendar on the College's website.

The program also serves to promote and support campus clubs, students, and College-sponsored events, increasing campus participation in them. Any event on campus can become a Center-approved Passport event by filling out a simple application on the Center's website.

After briefly detailing the event and its contribution to diversity on campus, the Center will decide whether to list it on its chart of events.

Ultimately, the Center hopes that the effects of the Program will extend beyond the short-term competitions in the FYS classes.

"The Passport Program will introduce new students to the great things about Muhlenberg College, Allentown, and beyond, but the trip doesn't start or end with educational, social, or community events," Riley-Casey said. "It will hopefully lead to great friendships, too."

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The ATO boys are back in town

BY AMY BAUER
NEWS WRITER

The College's Greek life welcomed back fraternity Alpha Tau Omega on Fri., Oct. 2 at its re-colonization ceremony in Egner Memorial Chapel. All of the current fraternities and sororities, along with the College's ATO alumni, were present to welcome the new members to Greek life. The ceremony included words from the Chief Executive Officer of ATO National Fraternity, Wynn Smiley. Smiley shared with the new members and the large audience of supporters the history of Alpha Tau Omega. Founded in Virginia in the shadow of the Civil War, ATO was the first fraternity to be founded after the war, and the first fraternity founded on Christian ideals.

The Alpha Iota chapter of Muhlenberg College was created in 1881, becoming one of the first fraternities at the College. Although a series of violations of college policy in 2000 led to the loss of the chapter's charter, the chapter's new members demonstrate the strength of character and enthusiasm necessary to achieve great things for the College community. Due to the efforts of dedicated alumni and the combined efforts of Dan Pompey, the Associate Director of Expansion, and Jonathan Foss, Leadership Consultant, the new colony boasts a diverse group of sophomores, juniors, and seniors, who encompass a wide range of academic, athletic, and extracurricular interests. "With these fine young men, who are all movers and shakers of the campus, ATO will be able to do great things," Foss said after the ceremony completed, "They will be able to better themselves and better the community." When asked

about the experience of re-colonizing, Pompey said, "It's been a rollercoaster ride, but we are lucky to have found the caliber of men to fill our niche in the Greek system at Muhlenberg."

Members of the fraternity's newest executive board include: President Jordan Sones '10, Vice President Alex King '12, Chaplain Cat Goarke '11, Treasurer Kit Mathers '12, Secretary Bill Sholly '11, Historian Josh Stenchever '12, New Member Educator Ari Brandsdorfer '11, Risk Management Andrew Milanesi '12, and Recruitment Chair Jon Falk '10.

They were officially named the Executive Board at the ceremony, and Sones picked up the gavel for the first time as the new President. Sones already has plans to reach out to the current Greek community and begin work on developing the fraternity: "I am excited to bring back a very old tradition at Muhlenberg.

ATO has been gone for ten years, but we can make it as strong as before."

Excitement was everywhere that evening, in the smiles of the proud ATO alumni, the applause from the three other fraternities and four sororities, and in the voices of the new members of ATO. Senior Sean Maloney shared his excitement about becoming a member of ATO, saying, "The brothers a great group of guys



The ATO initiation in Egner Memorial Chapel.

PHOTO BY JORDAN SONES

with great energy and have accomplished a lot on campus. They will provide a solid foundation for the fraternity." Student Body President Jon Falk also joined the ranks of ATO on Friday, expressing the immediate camaraderie he feels for his fellow new members, "This is not just an opportunity, but a journey together with my brothers."

The "All-Seeing Dog"

BY KRISTIN LAPOS
LIFE EDITOR

At some point this semester, most students will probably glimpse Indio, the black Labrador retriever that six student "handlers" are helping to train for the Seeing Eye program. Indio returned to the College for his second semester of training at the end of August.

The Seeing Eye, founded in 1929, specially breed and train dogs for blind people to help them navigate dangerous situations like street crossings and crowds. Dolores Nash, the administrative assistant to Mike Bruckner in the Public Relations office, got Indio in October 2008 at nine-weeks-old and owns Indio for the year that he's in the initial phase of his training.

Indio is not an ordinary family pet. Both Nash's family and the student handlers have strict rules they must follow with him. "No people food, he always has to walk on the left-hand side, you have to enforce basic commands like 'sit,' 'forward,' 'no bite,' those kinds of things," Nash said, explaining some of the rules. If Indio is ever paired with a blind person, he will have to have extraordinary discipline. The safety of the blind person will depend on him staying focused on dangers ahead instead of color, people, and food in his peripheral vision. "The main reason we have him through the puppy stage is to socialize him," Nash explained.

She loans him to the student handlers throughout the day to allow him to get the socialization required by The Seeing Eye. The students bring Indio to their classes, including labs, and into GQ,

Sandella's, the Life Sports Center, the chapel, and other places where people and food are present.

Samantha Mangel '12, one of the student handlers, never minds bringing Indio around campus. "When I take him to one of my classes, *Mind and Brain* with Dr. Teissere, he sits so quietly that people have remarked that they were unaware that he was even in the room during class," she said. "He does occasionally lick people's feet in class, which always gets some laughs. He is occasionally more rowdy when I take him to Organic Chemistry with Dr. Russell, but more people seem to notice him there so he gets more excited about the attention."

Mangel said she does get plenty of curious questions around campus about Indio. "Whenever I take him on walks people are typically very curious about who he is and what I am doing with him, and I am happy to help educate people about how Seeing Eye dogs get trained," she said. The handlers and Nash's family all play critical roles in Indio's training.

Nash's family decided to try the Seeing Eye program after losing a previous family pet. They knew they wanted another dog, but they were not ready for a long-term commitment. The College's Dr. Kathy Wixon, a French professor, has also trained Seeing Eye dogs and tipped Nash off about the program. The application process was fairly lenient, according to Nash. "They didn't come out and scope out our house or anything. They just knew we were interested," she said. The Seeing Eye gives Nash's family a monthly stipend for food, shots, and kenneling. The family also brings Indio

to meetings of the Lehigh Valley chapter of the Seeing Eye Puppy Club, where they and other trainers exchange notes, tips, and exercises. In between, her family has taken Indio to other places in the Lehigh Valley, including the Farmer's Market and Lehigh Valley International Airport.

Nash's family will get a two-week notice when The Seeing Eye wants to take Indio back. When Indio has "graduated" from the College, The Seeing Eye will put him into an intensive training program for three or four months. In this higher stage of training, specially trained handlers take him on town walks in downtown Morristown, New Jersey, where the organization is based, teaching him to read traffic lights, navigate crosswalks, and detect stoops. If he passes this phase of training, he will be paired with a blind person. Nash explained that the organization tries to match the personality of the dogs to the personality of the blind individuals they would be assisting, putting rambunctious dogs with very social people and more demure dogs with more introverted people.

So far, Nash is extremely happy with Indio's reception at the College. She always contacts the student handlers' professors before the semester begins and asks them if they mind Indio's presence



Dolores Nash, Samantha Mangel '12, and Indio.

PHOTO BY KRISTIN LAPOS

in the classrooms. "The professors here have been very willing to participate in the program, and that really says a lot about them," she said.

Mangel is also satisfied with her experience with Indio: "I really enjoy getting to spend time with Indio. He is a great dog and with some more training, will hopefully make a great guide dog one day. Indio's presence on campus really enhances the Muhlenberg community."

Nash compares Indio's experience with the student experience at the College: "Just like the college kids are learning for the future, so is Indio. The students are helping other people by doing the training. That's why we do it, too: to help other people."

For more information about The Seeing Eye, go to their website at www.seeingeye.org.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 21 – Suspicious Person – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a suspicious person. The Allentown Police Department responded. The individual was questioned and told not to return to campus.

Sept. 21 – Trespassing – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an unknown person(s) entering a room while the occupants were asleep. There are no suspects at this time and it appeared that nothing was taken. Students are reminded to keep their room doors locked at all times.

Sept. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to a chair. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the evidence locker. The owner was notified to pick up the item at the Campus Safety office.

Sept. 22 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of a found voice recorder. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Sept. 22 – Lost Property – Off campus, a reporting party lost several items of jewelry.

Sept. 22 – Lost Property – In the Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of a lost driver's license.

Sept. 23 – Sick Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a sick visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. An officer transported the individual to the hospital.

Sept. 23 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost silver bracelet with green stones. If found, please notify Campus Safety.

Sept. 23 – Trespassing – On the back drive, there was a report of a person attempting to buy books in Trumbower. Upon arrival, the suspects were found on the back drive. One of the suspects was 6'2", blonde hair, shorts, backpack, and a bluish green shirt. An officer got their information and informed them not to return to campus.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2251 Turner St, building #5, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding

due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2214 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 24 – Injured Employee – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured employee. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, a reporting party found a book with a credit card inside. The owner was notified and the property was returned.

Sept. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm. No cause could be found. After a reset was done, another fire alarm came in from the same building. Simplex was notified to respond.

Sept. 24 – Vandalism to Vehicle – Off campus, there was a report of a break in to a vehicle. Nothing was removed from the vehicle, but damage was done. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm. Upon arrival there was nothing noted that would set off the fire alarm. It went off again as soon as a reset was done. An electrician was called to respond. Simplex was called to respond immediately.

Sept. 24 – Injured Employee – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured person. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the person was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded but the student refused treatment.

Sept. 25 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Sept. 25 – Illegally Parked Vehicle – On Benfer's drive,

while ticketing the lot, an officer reported a vehicle not registered and a computer check revealed numerous violations. The vehicle was booted. The officer was unable to identify the owner.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, a reporting party found a Visa card in the Mac (ATM) machine. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The card was later returned to the owner.

Sept. 25 – Illegally Parked Vehicle – In the Walz/Brown north parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle that was not registered parked in the faculty lot. An officer booted the vehicle.

Sept. 25 – Larceny/Theft – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of theft of items from a room. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 25 – Found Property – On Liberty St., a key ring was found with three rings on it. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Sept. 25 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire safety violation. A detector was covered and cloth was attached to the ceiling. A fine will be sent.

Sept. 28 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of driving under the influence. A non-student was arrested by Allentown Police Department for DUI and the vehicle was towed.

Sept. 28 – Disorderly Conduct – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of disorderly conduct. The suspects were identified and told to clean up the area. Housekeeping was also notified. Referred to Judicial.

Sept. 29 – Larceny/Theft – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of theft of a laptop charger. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 29 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication. Campus Safety advised the reporting party that if they should be contacted by the suspect again to notify Campus Safety immediately.

Sept. 29 – Terroristic Threats – In Walz Hall, there was a report

of harassment and threats made. The investigation will continue.

Sept. 30 – Sick Student – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. The student refused treatment. The student agreed to see the Health Center the next morning.

Sept. 30 – Larceny/Theft – At 318 Albright St., there was a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 30 – Institutional Vandalism – In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of vandalism to a cabinet and used the items that were inside. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 30 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost key.

Sept. 30 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Sept. 30 – Suspicious Person – At 2259 Turner St., building #1, first floor, there was a report of a suspicious male. Allentown Police Department responded and identified the individual. The individual will be sent a letter of trespass and will be advised not to return to campus.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Plant Operations, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a dirty detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The window of the vehicle was smashed. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 1 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, basement, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and the student was taken to the Health Center.

Oct. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Plant Operations there was a report of a fire alarm sounding

due to a dirty detector. The detector will be changed. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found bag left inside a shuttle van. The item was brought to the Campus Safety office and placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 1 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – At the Keck House parking lot, there was a report of theft from a vehicle where a GPS unit was stolen. Students are reminded to keep all valuables out of plain view in their vehicles.

Oct. 1 – Institutional Vandalism – At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism. A window was broken. Plant Operations personnel responded and fixed the window. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 2 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Oct. 2 – Suspicious Activity – On campus, there was a report of suspicious activity by students. The investigation will continue.

Oct. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick student due to an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 3 – Larceny/Theft – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of theft of an eight-foot table valued at \$150. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 3 – Location Check – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of mail strewn on the floor from several mailboxes. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 3 – Institutional Vandalism

Campus Safety Notes

- In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism. Housekeeping was notified to respond and clean up the area.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2216 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was reset with no further incident.

Oct. 3 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In ML, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 3 - Institutional

Vandalism - At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism to a window. The suspects were identified. Plant Operations was notified to fix the window. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 3 - Disruptive Conduct - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 3 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of trashing where there were people throwing cups in the street and the yard. The Allentown Police Department responded. An alcohol violation was also noted. Referred to the Dean of Students office for a social code violation.

Oct. 4 - Larceny/Theft - In Seegers Union, there was a report of theft of a cell phone during the homecoming dance. There

are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 4 - Institutional Vandalism - In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism where there was broken fire extinguisher glass. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 4 - Disruptive Conduct - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 428 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 4 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and EMS responded. The student refused transportation to the hospital.

Change comes to the West End

BY CATHIE-MARIE ROCA
NEWS WRITER

The West End is a progressive Allentown neighborhood, which features the 19th Street Theatre District, the Allentown Fairgrounds, and is home to our very own Muhlenberg College. The 19th Street area and Fairgrounds often draw many Muhlenberg students and locals because of the Allentown Civic Theatre, restaurants, shops and farmer's market. This area has recently received a few new additions and is anticipating more in the near future.

Recently, the West Side Diner has opened up on the corner of 19th and Tilghman streets offering students a new place to go for breakfast or a late night meal craving. The TC Salon is going to be opening in the former Shanty building on 19th street and the Pines Diner Theatre is moving to a new location on the Allentown Fairgrounds.

The changes occurring in the area also include the addition of trees on the street, improved signage, banners, and new bike racks on the street. This is all part of an effort to increase bike and pedestrian traffic throughout the city. Members of the West End community are very supportive of the changes that are occurring in the neighborhood. The West End Alliance is a community-based group dedicated to promoting and furthering change in the West End. Michael Drabenstott, president of the West End Alliance, said, "The West End Alliance is committed to the area on the long term. We plan to work with the city in order to further the Urban Planning Process and street-scaping."

Vice President of the organization, Damien Brown, believes that the improvement of the West End will help the development for the whole of Allentown. He said, "The city needs a success story and the West End can give the city the sense of pride it needs."

The changes occurring in the West End are certainly going to affect Muhlenberg students for the better because the area already offers a safe and fun outlet to get away from the stresses of school and work. The new additions will offer new places for students to go. All of those involved in the progress of the West End believe that the area can reach its fullest potential.

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WEEKLY

Life!

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life."

- Plato

"New Voices" offers compelling, diverse theatre

BY KELSEY HUTCHISON
LIFE WRITER

This year "New Voices," which runs Oct. 7-11 in the Studio Theatre, will comprise five original one-act plays. These creative plays, although completely different, share one thing in common: They are all written by Muhlenberg students.

"Sweet Sulfur," by Catherine Davidson '10, follows a young girl's tumultuous journey through adolescence into adulthood with a devilish twist. The play, cleverly written, embraces all aspects of growing up in an advantaged world, from a debutant ball, graduation party, and a first love, to sibling competition and concealed jealousy.

In response to coping in a privileged world, the protagonist, Cornelia, "finds it harder to conform to the societal ideals. This lures a dark force into her life that leads her on a journey of passion and destruction," Davidson explained. This unexpected character propels the play, breeding mischief, playing tricks, and adding a little fiendish fun.

In another play about adolescence, "Out of the Ash," by Shannon Wittenberger '11, Phoebe, an impetuous teenage girl, struggles with what it means to be a redhead and her definition of self. Wittenberger explores universal questions that everyone confronts on the path from childhood to adulthood. "As a teenage redhead, she is straddling a strange line that not many of us get to experience: On one hand, she is the 'sorry freak' who got pushed around on the playground for her 'carrot top' and on the other hand, she is the fiery, sexy red-haired maiden of men's dreams," said Kaitlin Nemeth, the director.

Must life have order? Or is the world in a state of continuous entropy, steadily disorganizing itself into chaos? These philosophical questions are explored in "Ouroboros..."



A scene from the play "Sweet Sulfur."

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE BELL

On describing the motivation behind his work, Zach Trebino '11, the playwright, wondered whether it is necessary to search for meaning, for catharsis, and a valid interpretation. "Can't we accept that any one thing is everything else, too? That it all has the same inherent worth or the same inherent worthlessness? Our compartmentalization and categorization and organization, our search for meaning and narrative—they only embolden the conceit of deceit," he said.

"Truth or Love," by Hannah Mesouani '11, explores when freedom of choice, life, and the nature of love, collide with Islamic culture and the Moroccan judicial system. Layla, the protagonist, is a young woman trapped in a small village in Morocco. She yearns for freedom and self expression but is disillusioned when she is arrested for meeting her female lover in a town mosque and forced to stand on trial.

Leslie Pasternack, the director, explained, "If this production argues for freedom for its two female lovers, then we fight for their freedom as flawed beings to reach for love, to take risks, and perhaps to fail. The freedom to love, openly and honestly, is also the freedom to make mistakes."

On a lighter note, "Ouch, That Hurts!" by Jack Powers '10 offers a comical perspective of two US soldiers serving in modern day Iraq. The play begins with the appearance of a troublesome scorpion and continues with our heroes stuck in the middle of a mind field. "The plot focuses on an early-morning patrol gone awry, and the troopers' antics getting in and out of trouble, but the heart of the piece is the relationship between the two soldiers," Powers said.

What exploits will these characters face when soldiers, sand, and scorpions mix? The answer: A heaping amount of mischief, trouble, and laughs.

Cash Cab guy, don't quit your day job

BY NOAH FRIED
LIFE WRITER

On Sept. 30, the host of Discovery Channel's *Cash Cab*, Ben Bailey, came to the College and did his stand-up comedy act in Memorial Hall with his pal, D.C. Benny, a popular comedian. But the taxi driver's performance was far from spectacular.

If anyone was the star of that evening, it was his friend, D.C. Benny. Nonetheless, the show was ridiculously funny for a variety of reasons and, as always, we have MAC (Muhlenberg Activities Council) to thank for setting it up.

The show started off great. For the warm-up act, Bailey enlisted D.C. Benny, a very funny guy who has headlined before and is well known for his relaxed style on stage. He started off by talking about how Muhlenberg is a funny name for a college. He fancied it the name of a German porn star. "Ohhh Muhlenberg!"

Touching on racy topics and relating crazy stories to the audience, Benny easily sold the crowd. One story was about his high school prom, to which he brought a 380-pound African American woman, who happened to have an extremely deep voice.

When realizing a great majority of his crowd was Jewish, Benny mentioned he was as well and told a brief story about his German Shepherd: "He was humping my wife's leg and gave me a look saying, 'Yah Jew I am humping your wife and zer's nothing you can do about it...hey ver are your papers?...Ooo Muhlenberg!'" Needless to say, I'll never think of "Muhlenberg" in quite the same way ever again.

By contrast, Ben Bailey's performance was incredibly dry. Whereas Benny was easy-going, playing off the audience for his joke selection, Bailey went in with a predetermined set list of dull topics and deviated only when he completely forgot his act. Using random faces and voices, Bailey made jokes about the use of the word "f***", the eagerness of Google to guess what you want to search, and the existence of nearly flightless birds.

As the show went on, more and more students decided to leave and, for a while, Bailey made it funny by cleverly dissing them or by straight up screaming at them. But as the exodus continued, the show just became very pathetic.

By this point, Bailey decided to give up his scheme entirely and reveal the crazy sound that comes out of the sound system when you make a booming noise into the microphone. This was painful, but Bailey did redeem himself when he decided to

do an impression of a "retarded ghost falling down an elevator shaft."

Immediately following the show, I sought the opinion of a group of passing freshman girls. One of them, Lily Dwaskin '13, thought the show was fantastic because it included the students.

On the other hand, in considering Bailey's sailor mouth, Meg Falasco '13 thought the show was a "wake-up call that we're no longer in high school."

Eventually, my friend Ian and I ventured to the spot where Bailey and Benny were taking pictures and signing autographs.

When it was our turn, I introduced myself to Bailey and asked him my burning question: "Do you party with the Mythbusters?"

He does not; he has never even met them. All and all, it was a good night. Perhaps Ben Bailey was simply a novice at stand-up, but if you ask me, I think it's a good thing he's got this taxi license to fall back on if *Cash Cab* gets cancelled.

If you want to watch *Cash Cab*, tune into the Discovery Channel on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6-7 pm.

Hopefully, MAC will continue to schedule shows like this for students looking for a fun time.



Ben Bailey on stage.

PHOTO BY NOAH FRIED

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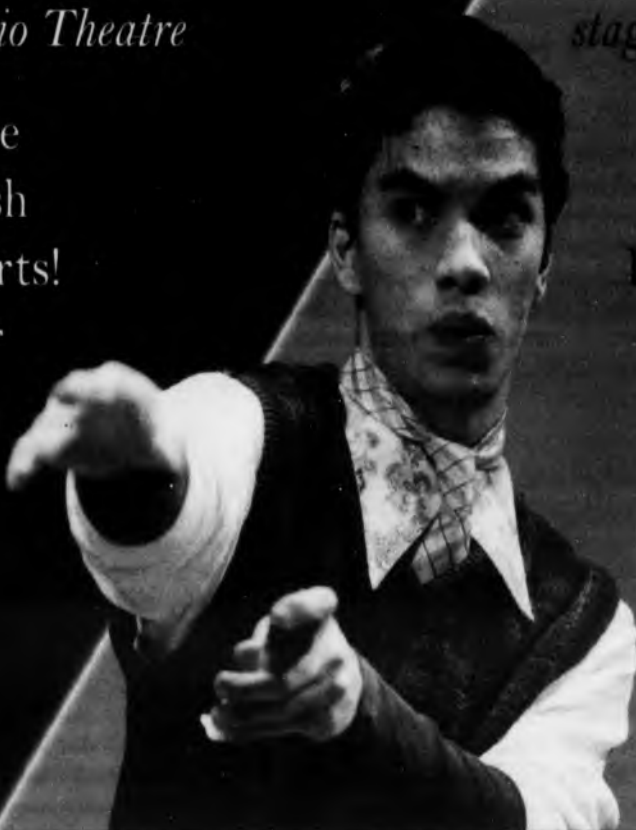
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Mules celebrate Spirit Week



Female Mules show their strength at the Powderpuff Football game.

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Students partied into the night at the Homecoming Dance.

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Everyone got hyped up for the game at the Pep Rally.

PHOTOS BY ROSS LITMAN



Culture around the corner

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

This past Friday, four of my girlfriends, Melissa, Jess, Bri, and Rachel, and I went to dinner at Bay Leaf Restaurant, an Asian-American Fusion restaurant, located at 935 West Hamilton Street. This section of downtown Allentown is a rather business-related area, resembling a sleepy, less-commercialized version of areas in New York City. The restaurant has a notable upper-class touch that contradicts the expectation existing among many College students that Allentown is strictly a lower-class area.

The ambience of the restaurant was definitely an Asian-American fusion, with the exception of the background music. Comprised of a selection of covers of classic songs, such as "Mack the Knife" and "Copa Cabana", with a hint of a vintage TV-show sound to it. The furniture and temperature of the restaurant were both comfortable. The warm coloring and intimate lighting make Bay Leaf an ideal place for a quiet date night or a nice night out with the parents over Family Weekend. Overall, it was an inviting and calm atmosphere.

The menu itself was a bit less of an Asian-American fusion than I expected it to be, but it was still absolutely enjoyable. Some dishes clearly had Asian influences, with the use of soy, teriyaki, or peanut curry sauces, but many dishes tasted more American than Asian. The presentation of the food, though, was wonderful and worth mentioning.

Three of us ordered appetizers, including myself, and found that the different tastes in the appetizers worked best when they're all eaten at the same time. I ordered one of the appetizers on the Specials menu for the evening, which was clams in a tomato-basil oil with mint leaves and sprinkled with onions. The mix of the tomato-basil oil with the mint was interesting, and good, when paired with the clams, but I thought the whole thing was a bit too salty and that there was too much onion flavor.

Jess ordered the roasted red peppers appetizer, which came with fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, pine nuts, and basil oil. We all tried it and agreed that the appetizer had a strange bite to it, but it wasn't as strong when all of the flavors were combined. Melissa ordered two appetizers—one was for her meal—that were both great. The one she ordered for her appetizer was the tequila raw salmon, which was raw salmon, sesame, seaweed, and wasabi vinaigrette. This dish is ideal for sushi lovers; it tasted just like sushi when the flavors were all together. Melissa, who is an eager sushi-eater, liked the dish, but found that the taste became a bit boring towards the

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An Omani Rosh Hashanah

By ETHAN SIMON
LIFE WRITER

While studying abroad in the Sultanate of Oman, I have had the pleasure of meeting Kasia, a girl from Poland, whose experiences with the Northwestern University Jewish community has inspired her to strongly consider converting from Catholicism to Modern Orthodox Judaism.

When I asked her what made her feel this way, she did not discuss the Jewish approach to worshipping God, but instead expressed her appreciation of Jewish values, such as Kashrut, community, and education. She also demonstrated an eagerness to learn more about Judaism as she has already begun to study Hebrew and Torah.

On the day before Rosh Hashanah, Kasia reminded me that the holiday was very soon. Being in Oman, I had been celebrating Ramadan for the past month, so I was so far removed from the thought of the High Holy Days. However, her enthusiasm for Judaism and desire to honor the Jewish New Year inspired me to remember what I love most about Judaism: No matter where I am, be it fifty miles from home or five thousand, the Jewish community has always ensured that I am not alone for a holiday. While in Prague last year, a Shabbat dinner was waiting for me and I was invited to pray in an 800-year-old synagogue. For Purim and Chanukah, my hometown synagogue sends care packages to me at Muhlenberg

every year.

Being in Oman, it is impossible for the Jewish community to reach out to me as it has in the past on similar occasions.

There are no synagogues here, and although some Jews may be in Oman, they are few in number and have no place in which to gather. Regardless, when Kasia expressed her interest in celebrating Rosh Hashanah and showed me her small collection of apples, I had a great idea.

This year, instead of being embraced

"This year, instead of being embraced by the Jewish community, I could carry on the tradition and be the one to embrace someone else."

by the Jewish community, I could carry on the tradition and be the one to embrace someone else. More importantly, I could finally affirm Kasia's admiration of Jewish values by showing her my favorite one. At sundown, Kasia and I were in Salalah, a city on Oman's southern shore. She was not yet fully aware of the meaning and traditions associated with Rosh Hashanah, so I took her around the local souq, or market, to buy and explain some Rosh Hashanah foods. We easily found the honey to go with the apples, but round Challot are not exactly Omani specialties. Of course, when have Jews ever been stopped by location or

circumstance? Whether exiled during the Diaspora, imprisoned during the Holocaust, or enslaved in Egypt, Jews always seem to maintain their traditions, even if they must make sacrifices. Therefore, instead of a round Challah, we used a round, deep-fried Indian sweetbread as a substitute. In addition, we bought some mango and guava juice.

After developing the Omani Rosh Hashanah menu, Kasia and I sat down on one of Oman's beautiful beaches, looking out towards the Arabian Sea. I said a few prayers for the food, we enjoyed our apples, honey, and sand, and she wished me Shanah Tovah.

I have no doubt that this Rosh Hashanah will be one of the most memorable ones of my life.

Even though I am at a rebellious stage in my life during which I question Judaism and, in a way, have gone as far away from the physical Jewish community as I possibly can be coming to Oman, somehow being one of the only Jews within hundreds of miles has allowed me to discover my relationship to Judaism.

In response to Kasia's love of Jewish values, I must agree with her and proclaim my appreciation for one of the great Jewish values, community, and the preservation of that community. To answer my initial inquiry as to whether or not Kasia has a good enough reason to accept Judaism, the answer is unmistakably, "yes."

AMC Weekend Listings



Fame

Fri. 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
Sun. 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

Surrogates

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

Couples Retreat

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

The Invention of Lying

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20

Zombieland

Fri. 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
Sat. 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
Sun. 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What would you do if zombies attacked Muhlenberg?



"I'd plant land mines around Prosser."
-Connor Robey, '13



"I'd assemble an army and plan an attack—make sure we had a V-flank formation and swords."
-David Rosenblat, '11



"I'd barricade myself in the New Science tower!"
-Ian Bleicher, '13



"I would hide in the action station hot box!"
-Chef Paul



"I would join them."
-Brooke Benedetto, '12

Courtesy of Noah Fried

Culture Corner

Cosmo-not

BY KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

Life as a male sex columnist is rough. There, I said it. And I'm not taking it back.

You see, it's about time that someone stood up and finally said what has been on the tip of my people's tongues for so long, and that person might as well be me. So, I have essentially taken it upon myself to be a sort of impromptu messiah, an honorary megaphone to the sexual commentary "proles", if you will.

Let's face it: I'm a man in a woman's world. Here I stand, trying to maintain the many magnificent mantras of machismo whilst the womanly world waits to wantonly lay waste to me and all I stand for. And let's be honest just the same: It's hard for me to keep up.

All this time, I thought I was making a connection with my readers, delivering them articles with wit and insight into the things they don't see every day. I thought I was exposing the other half to a coin never flipped, and givin' it to 'em via the straight-shootin' express. But all along, all the while, I've just been rambling on about something that girls don't want to hear, and, quite frankly, just can't understand. I've become nothing more than some token eye candy to these women, who follow my articles for no more than a topic with which to attempt to seduce me. In my attempts to defy the norm, I have done nothing more than enforce it.

Here I am, then, at my very last. Shaken and battered, I am weak, and I can fight the good fight no longer. I shall entreaty for my life with this as my bargain: As a last, desperate attempt to appeal to you feminine wiles, I will give you exactly what you want. I will simulate for you the experience of the trauma-inducing Cosmo homepage as it is meant to be seen. Here it is. It's all there. I swear. Even the shirtless college cutie. I will attach my last will and testament to the next issue. So here it goes: My feminine attempt to interpret the *Cosmo* homepage.

So where to begin? So many options, so little time! Wait, ew. Ewww. EW. My cuticles look horrible. Oh my God, it's a coup-de-gross. I should have listened to Melissa. Wait, no. I shouldn't listen to Melissa because I went with that whole "pants" fad she so-called, and now I'm so outdated. I should have known that stretchy thing was the material of the future.

What to pick, what to pick. Let's see... sex, oh I love sex! Hmm, love, oh I love love! But wait, I love sex and love. But wait, there is a tab that combines them both! Go figure. Go my figure. What else? Hair: awesome. Celebs: awesome. Quizzes! And they're even multiple choice so I can't be wrong.

Secrets? Oh I love secrets, and I love sharing them! Wait, where's the news? OH. MY. GOD. What does his cuddling mean? I've been wondering that. That's the only part of our relationship that I haven't yet thoroughly analyzed for inadequacies or irrational fears! Thanks Cosmo, you're the best. I was really wondering why things seemed okay for a second. Oh my, look at this. Guys with their shirts off!

(Twenty minutes later)

I better call Mark and tell him to do more crunchies and less munchies. Oh dear, this is new: "Are you a really good girlfriend?" Why of course. Let's see, I'm probably the awesome style of girlfriend. What are those answers? C, c, c, c? Yeah, I pretty much would have picked those. I really do wonder what he thinks when he walks in the door and, really, what's it like when guys get turned on? I mean, I'm a girl, so it's probably really, really different. If it wasn't, it wouldn't be in every issue. Still, I don't know Cosmo, as many times as you tell me that men are just sex-crazed-horn-diggity-dogs, I really think Mark has a personality. I think you said he had a "sauve-sensitive-manly-tender-assertive" personality. But then again, when I follow your tips, it really does get him going. I never would have thought that touching him down there would have done that.

(Twenty minutes later)

Let's see what kind of foreplay he likes.

Really? Really! Well I guess they don't call it a taint for nothing. I mean, I wouldn't like that, and I'm pretty sure even Bubbles wouldn't, but I guess men will be men. Hmmm, these links are pretty confusing. Should I pick Ten Sexy Sex Positions, or Eleven? But there's a 53 one, too. I wonder if that one has wacky water positions.

Do I have an oval face or a triangle one?

Nah, I'd rather read this science article on attraction. Oh, never mind, I don't know what pheromones are but I'm no drug user.

"Find hot guys." All I have to do is put in my zip code? That's easy. Oh, if I just put in my credit card number, it will find them faster.

What's this about swine flu...wait, DESIGNER, like "DESIGNER"? And for less than thirty dollars? With those kinds of savings I can get the next piece in the latest line of domination gear. Oh my, it's getting late. I guess I have time for just one more hunk. Oh, this one's a fireman.

(Three hours later)

Oh hell, what's four more minutes.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Wooing through the magic of words

BY E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

"Do you know karate? 'Cause your body's kickin'!"

That's one of my favorite pick-up lines, not that I've ever used it. It's amazing how many websites are devoted to pick-up lines, too. They even have themes. How many different ways can you use "Pikachu"?

A friend of mine out in Pittsburgh uses a different pick-up line every time he goes out. He told me he started using them because it's a "challenge," that getting girls was too easy, and the pick-up lines make it harder. The cornier the better.

For Pre-Med students, he suggests: "You have 206 bones in your body. Want another?"

"You're so delicious, I wanna serve you up on a plate with some syrup and biscuits," for when you're food motivated.

"I can have you pregnant by Christmas," for when you want to cut to the chase.

He's one of the few people I know that honestly and repeatedly uses pick-up lines. Apparently, he gets the most luck when he goes to a party, but our other friends report that the lines successfully work about 1/100 of the time.

But other than "The Challenge," what's the point? It's entertaining!

Another one of my male friends (notice these are all boys) says he likes to use pick-up lines after he's gotten to know a girl. It's almost a form of flirtation, then, not so much a means to get in her pants. (Well, maybe in the long run.) But he uses them to be funny.

Is that what it is, boys? Are you displaying your prowess as an entertainer when you unleash your witty lines and innuendos?

My conclusion is this: Most guys are not serious when they pull out the pick-up lines. They're trying to show us gals their sense of humor, as well as their awesome memory for all things dirty, all in a sentence or two.

So maybe next time I'm cold coolin' at a bar and lookin' for some action (Tone Loc, anyone?) I'll whip out a pick-up line or two, and see where that takes me with the fellas. I'll dazzle them with a well-memorized and suggestive

"We should do breakfast. Should I call you or nudge you?"

FROM BAY LEAF | PAGE 10 end, despite the diverse flavors, and she was definitely ready for her next dish. Her second appetizer, which we all adored, was the steak sate, with Thai peanut sauce and cucumber salad. The steak was presented on sticks and tasted amazing with the sauce. This dish was a favorite of ours, and we all recommend it.

The entrees were also presented very well and in perfect portions; we all left feeling full but not uncomfortably full. For my entree, I ordered another item off of the Specials menu, which was scallops split and layered between shrimp meat and sliced apple, then battered and fried like popcorn-style fried seafood, and served with cooked vegetables and a dipping sauce. The scallop-shrimp-apple combination was good, a bit different, but good. The vegetables were rather ordinary and not as exciting as the diverse flavors found in the appetizers or other dishes.

The only complaint I found with my meal was the sauce that came with my dish. It tasted slightly like mustard, but with a strange yogurt-tasting base that had an aftertaste that resembled a cleaning solution flavor. I would recommend what I ordered, but consider yourself warned about the sauce. The entrees were brought out with three bowls of rice for the table to share, which was a nice touch; however, the rice tasted more like American rice pilaf than Asian white rice, which added to the imbalance of American and Asian food, but it was still good.

The dessert menu was, without a doubt, American. We ordered two desserts: the double-layer chocolate mousse cake that had a toffee base, and a vanilla and white chocolate cake that was not listed on the menu. We unanimously agreed that the mousse cake was better, but the other dessert was good as well. Some of the other desserts on the menu were a chocolate peanut butter mousse pie, a Bailey's flavored cheesecake, and an assortment of sorbets.

Here's the catch: this restaurant isn't exactly cheap. The prices seem pretty innocent when they're individually shown listed on the menu, but they definitely add up at the end. The food and presentation is certainly worth the price, but I wouldn't be able to go more than once a month without my wallet feeling the effects. We estimated that a date night for two, including two appetizers, two entrees, and a dessert, would add up to about \$70.00. If you're looking for a nice night out with the sweetie, Bay Leaf is a cultural option definitely worth checking out, but consider saving up your money beforehand. I would recommend eating at Bay Leaf with your parents when they're looking for a nice place to take out their favorite college kid.

Final answer: a lovely restaurant, delicious food, expensive, but worth it.

Season's greetings

BY ALAN BASS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Here we are. The 2009-10 season is upon us. And before you say, "Hey, Alan, this season is just like any other one. Why should I get any more excited than I normally am?"

Well, for one, there are always reasons to get more excited. The fact that the NHL offseason is the shortest among the four major sports may console the average hockey fan; but as anyone who knows me knows, I am far from average.

Insert insulting comment here.

Nonetheless, here are five reasons why I am more pumped up than ever for the 2009-10 National Hockey League season:

1. Great finish = better start

The 2008-09 Stanley Cup final was arguably the best in the last decade. It was a close one with the '07-08 final, but I believe the Pens' incredible run tops the Red Wings of two years ago. It even ended unbelievably, with Marc-Andre Fleury making that diving chest save as time ran out.

So why not believe that the 2010 season will begin as fantastically as last year's ended?

2. End to a terrible offseason

I'm not talking about the draft or free agency. I'm talking about the fact that the 2009 offseason was completely sucked up by the Patrick Kane antics, the flamboyant taxi driver, the Phoenix Coyotes, the Phoenix Coyotes and the Phoenix Coyotes. You know

it's a terrible offseason when some young Blackhawk not getting his change is getting more attention than hockey's most storied franchise getting a complete coaching and player makeover.

3. New faces in new places

Chris Pronger, Marian Hossa, Marian Gaborik, Mike Cammalleri, Jay Bouwmeester to name a few; these guys are some of the stars of the league and watching them with new teammates and new colors should be an interesting sight. There are many questions surrounding teams and their new players and many unknowns are attributed to that.

Will Pronger live up to the expectations of being that "typical Flyer"? Will Bouwmeester continue to play well on a much stronger Calgary squad? Will Gabby's groin hold up (great name for a band, by the way - Gabby's Groin)? Will Hossa recover from his injury with enough time to make a difference in the Windy City?

All this and more to be answered soon!

4. A sport on the rise

First off, let me say this: despite all my mitching and boaning about Gary Bettman and the league, they really have done a fairly good job. They are slowly putting themselves back on the map. Fans should know this, because in the last year, there have been numerous rumors that ESPN was considering broadcasting some NHL games again for the upcoming season. And as we all know, there is always some truth to every rumor. Unless it is started by Eklund.

Second, remember the Cincinnati Bengals? How they had about 79-and-a-half players arrested a couple years ago? Michael Vick killing those dogs? Plaxico Burress doing whatever the heck he was doing? How about Ron Artest going into the stands and beating up on some fans (this is starting to sound like a Dr. Seuss story)? Or MLB and all those steroids?

In hockey's years of testing players for steroids, only one has tested positive. One. Uno. Un. However else you want to say one. How many NHLers have been arrested for serious crimes? Not many. How many have murdered? None (at least while they were playing). When the biggest "bad" story of a sport is when a player hits a cab driver, you know the sport does not have many legal problems.

5. Why else? It's hockey!

The coolest game on Earth. "The greatest spectator sport ever," says Flyers chairman Ed Snider. On October 1, we have Colorado retiring Joe Sakic's number, NHL games in Finland and Sweden and the start to the most grueling season en route to the toughest trophy to win in pro sports; and that is not an opinion, it's a fact.

With our great game just around the corner, what's not to be excited about?

All I have to say is, I sure hope Terrell Owens has his popcorn ready.

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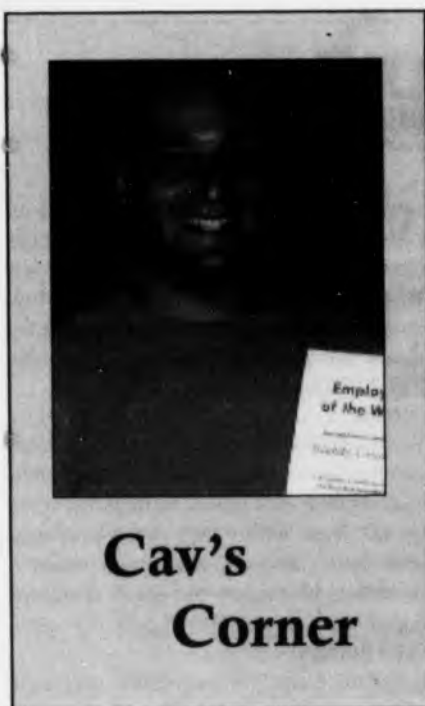
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Homecoming weekend brings back IM legends



Cav's Corner

Buddy Cavalieri
Weekly Columnist

Homecoming weekend has just past and many former Intramural greats came back to visit. Seeing some of the men and women that graduated really made me reflect on how good some of the past teams and players were, who have now moved on to life after college. Every single alumnus that Brian Ward and I came across asked us about intramurals which shows how much everyone who participates really loves IMs.

This weekend saw the return of the best overall intramural team in recent history known as Team Wish. Alumni such as Billy Wish, Steve Bouchard, Andrew Cipriano, Tim Ganter, Darryl Roth, and Tim Murray were all back in town. Team Wish nearly swept all intramural sports last year winning championships in three of the four major sports. If there were an IM hall of fame this team as a whole would, without a doubt, be on the first ballot.

The old school Kon Tiki was also around campus this weekend. The name Kon Tiki will still live on but you have to wonder if the new group of guys will be able to live up to the

standards that past players such as Joe Gogel and Billy Dalton set for this team. Kon Tiki was another one of the intramural powerhouses last year. Made up of almost all soccer players, Kon Tiki finished second in basketball and won the softball championship. Without a doubt a few of their stars would also be first ballot hall of famers.

A third team of former all stars that could be seen roaming Allentown this weekend was the Footballers. Men such as Eric Santagato, Mike Nolan, and James Corbett were spotted on campus. The Footballers were another one of the stand out basketball teams from last year. They were probably the most physical, not to mention toughest team in the league by far and really set the bar high for the young Footballers to attempt to match.

I know there were many more greats on campus this weekend, and hopefully there will be many more to come in the future. Homecoming is more than just a series of school spirit events; it can also be a reunion of greats.

Challenges lie ahead for Muhlenberg's Women's Soccer

BY JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

Once again, the Muhlenberg women's soccer

team is proving themselves to be a worthy opponent for Division III teams throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Despite losing to the nationally ranked Dickinson team this past weekend, the team is, overall, in good standing this season with a 5-4 record and with being 2-1 in the Centennial Conference.

One thing that gives this team a lot of potential is their solid foundation.

Only one player graduated last spring and there are ten returning seniors that are determined to lead the team to a great outcome, including captains Kasey Hacker and Sam

"It is my senior year and being number one in the conference and hosting play offs would be awesome. I think that this is the year we could do it."

Hoffman, and noteworthy players Kimberly Hacker, Jennifer Lynch, and Jayne Condon. The rest of the team is also very experienced, with most of the starting team having started last year as well. Similar to last year, the team is benefiting from the addition of talented freshman players. There are eight freshmen players total.

Kimberly Hacker, who plays outside midfield and occasionally forward, takes a lot of pride in the fact that the team benefits from having a good chemistry. She even said, "I think that this is the best team that we have had in the four years that I have been here. We are all used to playing together and we get along great." Lynch, who

also plays outside midfield, added to that, "We also have a young, talented, freshman class that has brought their enthusiasm to the team."

The team is looking forward to the challenge of facing rival teams Swarthmore and John Hopkins later this season. It will be interesting because, like Muhlenberg, they are two of the best teams in the conference. Both Hacker and Lynch recalled losing to John Hopkins last year in overtime, and now, they are especially excited and motivated along with the rest of the team to beat them this year.

However, the team's over arching goal is to win the Centennial Conference. Winning would mean a lot, especially to Hacker, since it is her last year with the team. She said, "It is my senior year and being number one in the conference and hosting play offs would be awesome. I think that this is the year we could do it and a lot of the team feels the same way. Another goal I have for the team is to make it to NCAA's this year." Lynch believes that being number one in the Centennial Conference is a definite possibility. "I think we have the right players to do it, it's just a matter of those players coming together and learning to work off each other," she said.

This week, the Women's Soccer team will play at Moravian on Wed., Oct. 7, and at Washington on Sat., Oct. 10. The next home game will be on Wed., Oct. 14 against Swarthmore at 7pm.

Intramural Co-Ed volleyball tournament

BY BRIAN WARD
SPORTS WRITER

Get out your knee pads and your tight spandex shorts. Pump up your Tachikara volleyball. Make sure you still know how to set up your volleyball net because the first Intramural Co-

Ed Volleyball Tournament is coming. It is finally time to show the world, or at least the Muhlenberg community, that jump serve you have been practicing all summer. Never has there been this much hype surrounding an Intramural event since the Intramural formal of 2008. On October 13th, a mixture of volleyball talent, intensity, heart, and Muhlenberg students will combine to form what people are saying could amount to the greatest Intramural tournament of all-time. Start to assemble your squad because you do not want to miss out. Teams will be made up of 6 people per team and registration to the tournament will cost \$12 per team. There will be prizes for the winner, as well as the coveted IM Champ T-Shirt. The games will be in the field house where there will be burgers and dogs grilling all day. Look for a table set-up outside of Seeger's to sign your team up or contact Gary Cavalieri (gc235982) or Brian Ward (bw235161). And remember, heroes are remembered, but Muhlenberg Intramural legends never die.

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starting in the first quarter led to touchdown early in the second making the score 20-3. After another Mule fumble and ensuing Hopkins touchdown, the score was 27-3 going into halftime.

Although the outcome of the game looked dismal at the half, the Mules came out strong and had a total of 204 yards in the second half. On the first possession of the second half, sophomore quarterback Justin Myers (who came in late in the first half in an attempt to spark the Mules' offense) hit senior wide receiver Phil Cresta for 30 yards. Cresta caught 3 passes for 94 yards which put him over 2,000 yards in his career. Myers then swung it to freshman running back Dandridge who evaded several would-be tacklers before running the final 20 yards untouched for his second touchdown of the season. Dandridge (who is fourth in the conference in rushing, averaging 99 yards a game) had 192 all-purpose yards, 81 of which were on 2 kickoff returns. Sophomore JT Merklinger, playing in his first game, had 122 return yards. In all, the Mules had 217 yards on special teams, 14 yards short of the school record.

On the second drive of the second half, the Mules' defense forced a three-and-out. After the forced punt, the Mules ran a trick play – a halfback pass with junior running back Joe Montemurro who connected with Cresta for 35 yards. Later in the drive, on fourth and eight on the Hopkins 29, Myers threw a strike to Cresta in the back of the end zone to make the score 27-17 Johns Hopkins. Myers completed five passes on eight attempts for 158 yards and 3 touchdowns and will most likely start next week.

The Blue Jays scored another touchdown with 10:44 left in the game, plenty of time for the mules to overcome a 17-point deficit. Dandridge had a spectacular 59-yard return which eventually led to a 35-yard field goal. The Mules lined up for the onside kick on the kickoff, which sophomore Michael Kellum fell on. On the ensuing drive, freshman wide receiver Dan Deighan caught a 59-yard touchdown for his first career reception making the score 34-27. But, the Blue Jays ran the ball down the field for a touchdown and knocked 5 minutes off of the clock. After the Mules blocked the extra point, the score was 40-27, the most points surrendered by the Mules since 1999. An interception, the sixth turnover, ended the Mules' hope of a miraculous comeback on the next drive.

The Mules' next opponent is conference Juniata (0-5, 0-3), next Saturday. Juniata is in last place in the conference. They have the worst offense in the league, averaging 4.6 points a game, and give up an average of 30 points every game. This would be a perfect opportunity for the Mules to turn the season around and win their first game in-conference.

Honor and award: Kelly McKeon

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Muhlenberg Junior Kelly McKeon was this year's recipient of the Sidney G. Weikert Award. The award was given at halftime of the Homecoming football game to McKeon in honor of her achievements during the 2008-09 school year.

The Sidney G. Weikert Award is given to a junior, after his or her sophomore year, who has exemplified outstanding campus involvement and contribution as well as a merited academic record.

The award is named after Weikert who was the former Associate Director of Admissions at the College.

McKeon was presented the award during a small ceremony during halftime of the Homecoming game by College President Randy Helm and his wife, Patricia. McKeon was accompanied by her parents Thomas and Mary Ellen McKeon.

McKeon was chosen for this award because of her outstanding academic achievements as well as her history-making accomplishments on the basketball court here at Muhlenberg.

As a freshman, McKeon was immediately named the starting point guard. In her first two seasons she led her team to back-to-back Centennial Conference championships. With McKeon as the starting point guard position, the Lady Mules have won 29 straight Centennial Conference games. McKeon averages 12.4 points per game, 5 assists, and a team-leading 8.5 rebounds per game. Eight and a half rebounds per game really says a lot about McKeon's aggressive style of game considering she is a 5'6" point guard.

In the 2008-09 year McKeon was selected to the All Centennial Conference first team. She was also ranked ninth in all of Division III for her assist to turnover ratio. McKeon's best stats however, came when her team needed her the most. In the last nine games of the season, en route to Muhlenberg's first NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance, McKeon averaged 16.3 points, 10 rebounds, and 5.7 assists. She also shot 82.3 percent from the line and 49 percent from the field.

McKeon is truly a dominant force especially around the Centennial Conference for which she is 35-2 as a starting point guard. Also, having just completed her sophomore season, McKeon is sixth in team history with 253 total assists.

The Lady Mules Basketball team kicks off their season with the annual Scotty Wood Tournament where Kelly McKeon will begin her junior season and continue to make history at the College.

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Football		Men's Soccer	
Sept. 26		Sept. 26	
Mules	3	Mules	1
Gettysburg	20	Gettysburg	0
Oct. 3		Sept. 30	
Johns Hopkins	40	Dickinson	0
Mules	27	Mules	1
Volleyball		Oct. 3	
Sept. 28		Johns Hopkins	2
Mules	0	Mules	1(2OT)
St. Edwards	3	Women's Soccer	
Sept. 30		Sept. 26	
Mules	0	Mules	1
Haverford	3	Scranton	2
Oct. 3		Sept. 29	
Dickinson	1	Mules	4
Mules	3	Haverford	2
Field Hockey		Oct. 3	
Sept. 25		Dickinson	4
Widener	2	Mules	1
Mules	1	Men's Golf	
Sept. 30		Oct. 1	
Mules	2	Messiah Invitational	
Haverford	1	Finished 1st	
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Mules	2	Finished 4th	

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Despite Gehrman's Birthday goal, Mules lose a heartbreaker to Hopkins

BY DANIEL E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

On a darkening Saturday evening, the rolling Men's Soccer Mules lined up against the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays (10-2, 3-1) in a homecoming weekend show down of Centennial Conference powers.

An exciting storyline had been built up over the last two weeks of play and it laid out a great match up for the teams. The Mules beat nationally ranked Dickinson College last week in a blow out win and were currently 3-0 in the Conference. Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini was coming off of an offensive streak in which he had scored 9 goals in 8 games and scored a goal in each of the last 8 games. Junior Goaltender Jason Daniel and the Mule's Defense had held their opponents scoreless for the last 446 minutes of play.

And most importantly, the team was undefeated in the Centennial Conference and on a 5 game winning streak. "We are definitely on a roll," said Head Coach Sean Topping, after the win over Dickinson, "but this game coming up against Hopkins is really going to be big."



Senior Mike Gehrman celebrated his birthday scoring the first goal of the game.

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Well all of these storylines came to an end as the 'Berg Men's Soccer Team (6-3, 3-1) fell to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays by a score of 2-1 in a double overtime thriller that left more to be desired by the throngs of Mule fans.

From the start of the game, the Mules presented constant offensive pressure. The team kept the Blue Jays in their defensive half of the field until halftime and dominated the game's offense by getting off 22 shots and creating 5 corner kicks compared to the Blue Jays 11 shots and 4 corners.

After the teams' respective strategizing, the Mules came out for the second half with a fire in their heart.

In the 75th minute, Senior Midfielder Mike Gehrman, who was celebrating his 22nd birthday, gave himself a present that will not long be forgotten when he scored the game's first goal. After receiving a pass in the middle of the field, and 40 yards away

from the goal, Gehrman dribbled through two Hopkins defenders and wound up for a shot. With his right foot, he struck a shot that floated gracefully through the air until it eluded a diving goaltender and snuck into the back of the goal's net.

"The cheers from the crowd was the loudest I have ever heard," said one fan whose voice was distinguishable above all the rest of the group.

But this enthusiasm was not long lived as the Mule's Defense began to lack and the Blue Jays pushed the ball up field. In the 77th minute, Hopkins' Scott Bukoski dribbled past an out of position 'Berg defender and faced a charging Daniel in goal. He chipped the ball over Daniel's outreached arm and into the back of the net.

With the score all tied up at one, the game entered its first, 10-minute, golden goal format overtime period. In the gut wrenching and anxiety filled first overtime, the Mules had a handful of chances but could not capitalize on their opportunities. The Blues Jays were mainly on the defensive for the 1st OT, but this was of the case for the 2nd OT.

Three minutes into the 2nd OT, a Blue Jays' forward received the ball on a far side of the field. He proceeded to cross the ball into the front of the goal. The ball deflected off of a 'Berg Defender and landed in the back of the goal.

It was a heartbreaking defeat for the Mules as this was their first loss of the Centennial Conference season. Before the game, the Mules sat above the Centennial Conference rankings, but now they share that ranking with the Blue Jays.

But this is not something to hang your heads on as the Mules have proven that they can play, and beat, the best in the Conference and are a true Centennial Conference power that must be challenged and will not just roll over.



Sophomore Midfielder Andrew Lasiy wins a header in the Mule's loss to the Blue Jays.

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Late offensive production not enough for Mules

BY BEN LEVINE
OP-ED EDITOR

When the two best defenses in the Centennial Conference meet, a score of 40-27 is not expected. Saturday, at Scotty Wood Stadium, a large Homecoming crowd was disappointed with a Muhlenberg (1-3, 0-2) loss to Conference-rival and preseason favorite Johns Hopkins (4-1, 3-0). This was the 42nd meeting between the two schools and Muhlenberg had won 6 of the past 8. The Mules turned the ball over 6 times, 5 of which were in the first half and 3 of which were in Mules' territory, and the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays took advantage turning the turnovers into 17 points. Turnovers have blighted the Mules all season and the lead the conference with an average of 3 turnovers a game.

On the Mules' first drive, the Blue Jays intercepted a Muhlenberg pass which they converted into a field goal then scored another field goal on their next drive. After their early trouble, the offense struck back with a 29-yard field goal by junior kicker Michael Katz, the most accurate kicker in conference, to cut the deficit in half and make the score 6-3. Later in the quarter, a Muhlenberg fumble gave Hopkins the ball on the Mules' 5 which led to a touchdown run. Then, another drive by the Blue Jays



Freshman Wide Receiver Dan Deighan scores a Touchdown on his first collegiate reception.

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The General's Quarters: Is the fresh food worth the frustration?



The new stations in the GQ: Ikigai Sushi (left) and SubConnection (right).

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

When students returned from Fall Break they discovered that there were two new editions to the General's Quarters: Ikigai Sushi and Sub Connections. While most students were surprised at the changes, this plan had been in the works for quite some time.

The Dining Committee, which deals with concerns about food and dining services on campus, designed a plan to meet students needs over a year ago. After mounting pressure from unsatisfied students, it became clear to the Dining Committee that two aspects of on-campus dining were not up to par, the diversity and freshness of meal options.

To combat these factors, members of the Dining Committee traveled to other benchmarking institutions in the area to search for new options. Faced with many options to choose from, the Committee created criteria that they needed for any new dining option.

First, the service needed to be fresh and healthy. Students did not just want another Grill with health options, they wanted something that actually tasted different and was fresh. Second, the service needed to be fast and efficient.

The General's Quarters is a physically confined space and, as visitors are painfully aware, creates major line build-ups during peak hours. Finally, there needed to be a history of success with students. There was no point in bringing a new dining option to campus if there was a risk students would

not respond positively.

The first step in solving this problem was the addition of Sandellas in the Red Door. Sandellas was a massive success at relieving the pressure on the General's Quarters during peak hours. Sandellas also revitalized the use of the Red Door. Secondly, the addition of Freshens brought an extremely healthy option to the campus. Still, with the success of Sandellas and Freshens, it was clear that more steps needed to be taken.

Ikigai Sushi had been a very popular option at Lehigh, and fit the space left by Stacks in the GQ perfectly. One of the benefits of Stacks had been the ease of grabbing a sandwich on the go.

Sushi still provides the ability of grabbing a quick meal on the way to class. Even better, the to-go sushi has a wide variety and changes day-to-day.

It has also garnered very positive reviews on campus as well. "I think sushi is a fast, healthy option for students in General's Quarters. It's a change that has been a long time coming," says Student Body President Jon Falk '10. According to the Dining Committee, already the sushi option has been far more popular than they had predicted.

While Sub Connection has been a hit with students on the variety and freshness front, it is slowing down the lines in the GQ. As Dean Green so aptly puts it, "It is exiting to have these two new concepts. Presently, there is a surge of interest. It is slowing down the speed of the line, but it will get better once the staff gets used to the product

and the demand."

The Grill's line for ordering food is now directly next to the pick-up area. So far, this has not been a good choice. The double lines flow directly into the Sub Connection lines, creating even more of a slow down. The Dining Committee is well aware of the line problems and is already searching for solutions.

Also important to note is the Hydration Station that has been added outside of the GQ. This station provides an out-of-the-way space for environmentally friendly students to refill their water bottles.

This is also the new home of the coffee supplies, allowing caffeine enthusiasts to make their beverage of choice without having to be entangled in the GQ lines.

Bagel fans are rejoicing over the self-toasting machine at the Hydration Station. Once they've paid for their bagel and cream cheese they now have the option of toasting it themselves at an expedited rate and to their own specifications.

It will be interesting to note how these changes will play into the upcoming contract negotiations with Sodexo, which end this year. Students will remember last year the heavily debated decision to extend the college's contract with Sodexo.

Until more is known on the Sodexo decision, the question becomes "what is of more importance to the students: the quality of the food or the length of time it takes to get food?"

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Half a brain, but a full spirit

They say you only use half your brain, but until recently it was just an expression. Michelle Mack, 37, is a near fully functioning woman living with only half a brain. She realizes that she will need help for the rest of her life, but she wanted to make her story known so that people will realize that she is definitely not helpless. When she was born her parents knew that there was something wrong, but doctors could not figure it out until an MRI scan revealed that she was missing nearly all of the left side of her brain.

A lesion in her brain took away the left side leaving some deep structures but the surface of her brain is 95 percent gone. Some of the missing structures include those that control movement, cognition, and behavior. When the right side of her brain recognized that the majority of the left was missing it rewired itself and was able to perform most of the tasks of both the left and right. She does not function perfectly but everything works well enough for her to lead a fairly normal life.

This story can serve as inspiration for all of us, just as Michelle had hoped it would. "I wanted to do this so people like producers, photographers and security guards and police officers learn about people like me," she said, "that I'm normal but have special needs, and that there are a lot of people like me, so that they could be more understanding." Michelle wanted to get her story out there to show the world who she is as a person, not just as a medical miracle.

The most exciting part of the story? Michelle is getting better. In the past 10 years since her diagnosis, she and those close to her have noticed improvements in her functioning, and she remains positive.

It's stories like these that make us take a step back from the powerpoints we're studying (or the newspapers we're editing) and realize that no matter how difficult tomorrow's exam is going to be, there are so many things to remain positive about in our lives. Michelle Mack is not only a medical miracle, but she is a true optimist. Maybe if we can start seeing the glass as half full more often, we can appreciate life and all the curveballs it throws our way a little bit more.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the Muhlenberg Community for all the support they have given us for the ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) walk which was held at Coca Cola Park on Sat., Oct. 10. The walk was designed to raise money to find a cure for ALS and to increase awareness of the disease.

My husband, Tom Grace, was the Equipment Room Manager at the College for ten years before he retired last June.

Tommy was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease in April 2008. Thanks to our Muhlenberg family, we have been able to raise over \$8,000 for our team, "Tommy's Troops".

We received donations from so many people within the Muhlenberg Community.

The Bookstore sold cardboard ALS feet, the Hillel board made a donation and there were numerous donations from staff, faculty and alumni.

The football coaches and some players visited Tommy and donated \$2,000 to the walk from a Lift-A-Thon they had. The men's lacrosse team, baseball team and men's tennis team not only donated to the walk, but surprised Tommy when they showed up to walk with our team on Sat. to show their support. We had over 100 team members which included many Muhlenberg staff members and alumni.

It was also nice to hear that APO and the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma also had teams at the walk.

We truly appreciate all the love and support we are given from our Muhlenberg family since Tommy has been diagnosed. Thank you for supporting "Tommy's Troops" and please continue to keep Tommy in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Becky Grace
Assistant Director of Residential Services

Thank you to the
Muhlenberg College
community for your
support for the ALS
walk.

The New Nobel Peace Prize: Accomplishments Not Necessary

By BENJAMIN LEFFELL
Op/Ed Writer

The Nobel Prize Committee announced on Friday that Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize for his plans to reduce nuclear weapons, an emphasis on international cooperation and diplomacy, and his attempts to reach out to the Muslim world. The Nobel Committee defended its decision by explaining that Obama's visions were too important to ignore and must be recognized. This explanation did not sit well with many political pundits, and world leaders. Former Polish President Lech Walesa, a 1983 Nobel Peace Laureate asked, "So soon? Too early. He has no contribution so far. He is still at an early stage. He is only beginning to act."

Awarding Obama the Nobel Peace Prize for a vision is as if the NFL gave Peyton Manning the league MVP award tomorrow. It's as if they said, even though the season is just a quarter of the way complete, Manning has demonstrated a tremendous passion for the game, his teammates rally around his leadership, and he is putting up statistics at a record pace. With those facts in mind, the NFL will forego the season and award Manning as the NFL MVP for 2009-10 season based on the belief that he will continue to succeed. That's not exactly a logical decision.

It is upsetting that Obama has won the award because it shows a blatant disregard and disrespect for people who have actual and concrete accomplishments. The award was designed to reward individuals or organizations for exceptional achievements. Anyone who has ever won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry or Physics needed to make real progress in the field before their work was recognized.

When it comes to Obama's concrete achievements it is unfair to draw conclusions at this point in time. Though he may yet achieve greatness, his presidency is still in its infancy. Indeed, until now it seems there have been a number of stumbles in regard to domestic affairs, and his foreign policy efforts, specifically in the Middle East. A major misstep during Obama's short time in office was his handling of the corrupted Iranian election. In June, Obama was lauded for his "ground breaking and revolutionary" speech in Cairo. A primary focus of the speech was his remarks on democracy and the basic human rights that all citizens of the world were entitled to. Well, the fact that he hardly said a word to support, or so much as acknowledge, the courageous people of Iran who challenged Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad's despotism and theft of the presidential election, displayed that Obama's words in Cairo were simply throw away lines devoid of action.

Further, we must all remember that even though he has stated a desire for a nuclear-weapon free world, there is a profound difference between making a wish, and uniting diverse people from around the world behind treaties, pacts, and agreements.

It was not as though there was a shortage of deserving leaders for the Nobel Committee to choose from. A few people that jump to the forefront are Piedad Cordoba, the Colombian politician who has tirelessly mediated between the Colombian government and the FARC guerilla group. Or even Morgan Tsvangirai, who has done more for the prospects of a long-term peace in Zimbabwe than anyone else. He was the opposition leader for ten years, and now as Prime Minister has begun to restore the country that was devastated by Robert Mugabe's despotic reign as President.

It appears that the Peace Prize, rather than being awarded on merits, is being used as a political tool with partisan intent.

Nominations for the award must

be submitted to the Nobel Committee by February 1 of the year in question. Therefore, Obama was nominated within 11 days of being sworn in as US President, or possibly before he even took office. The question is not if the award has taken on a political meaning, but rather what is the political meaning? It could be construed as the Nobel Committee's approval of the United States' election of Obama, and an overall appreciation for the end to the Bush-Cheney era. The Nobel Committee even conceded that the Peace Prize could be viewed as an attempt to build global support for Obama's administration.

The Nobel Committee has managed to delegitimize its most famous award. Further, it has patronized the world with its political pandering, and its actions are condescending to the hardworking mediators and political activists around the world. It has selected a man who has hardly any experience on the world stage, and is yet to achieve anything that resembles a tangible international breakthrough.

It seems that the once renowned award, which was reserved for distinguished leaders to honor exceptional accomplishments, has become a means to support political positions. The award, premised on future achievements, rather than concrete accomplishments, was in a word: disgraceful.

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Nothing more than apathy?

BY KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students at the College are very dedicated to supporting social events. Why? Because it's easy, there's no thinking involved, and it's just simply fun.

I'm not saying social events are worthless and that students should not support them because they are extremely integral aspects of campus life and culture. However, in order to cultivate a nurturing social culture at the College, we need to support endeavors that will change the way people think about issues on this campus that directly affect students.

It should come as no surprise when I say that students on campus are extremely involved and dedicated in clubs, organizations and student life in general. The one thing that does surprise me, is that although any given student most likely has at least two or three activities on campus that they dedicate themselves to and truly care about, a good amount are extremely apathetic when it comes to supporting the endeavors of other clubs on campus. The whole reason that clubs and organizations thrive on this campus is because there are student leaders and club members who care passionately about something. Clearly one person cannot be involved in every club or every campus happening, but the least you can do is support it.

By support, I don't mean you have to join the club or organization but at least stop by their table in Seegers and see what's going on. Educate yourself about what they are trying to promote, and drop some spare change in their donation bucket. By doing this, maybe you'll learn something new or develop a better understanding about something and become a more open-minded person. Taking two minutes out of your day to stop by a table is not going to throw off your entire daily schedule.

I would hope that most of you knew that last week was both Mental Health Awareness Week and Latin Heritage Week. If you didn't know then you are probably living under a rock or you are just so oblivious that you didn't notice the paint all over the Garden Room and GQ windows advertising Mental Health Awareness. Or, the presentation for Latin Heritage Week right in front of the new stage near Parents' Plaza smack in the middle of your walk down Academic Row.

Anyhow, if you ate dinner in the Garden Room on Mon., Oct. 5, someone (probably me) tried to let you know that it was Mental Health Awareness Week and most of you didn't even care enough to stop for literally thirty seconds and listen. I mean, I'm busy too, but I care enough about what students on this campus are trying to do that I'll give a minute of my time just to listen.

Also, the presentation in Parents' Plaza for Latin Heritage Week was literally in your way if you were walking past the front of the arch. I was on my way somewhere, actually I was already late, but I stopped for a few minutes to listen to what was going on. As people were walking by Dr. Kate Richmond said, "And that's the hard part, getting people to care. As people walk right by, the majority of them won't stop."

The people who were walking by at the time gave a quick glance, put their heads down and kept walking, clearly feeling awkward that they were just called out like that. One student even murmured, "I feel bad for walking though like this." So stop and listen for two seconds then!

It's not rocket science. Thereason I used these two as examples is because there are two events that were trying to promote awareness, in order to spark campus wide conversation about the two topics to that students feel more comfortable talking about, recognizing, and supporting mental health and multiculturalism. All I'm trying to say is that we all need to support each other and the activities that we are all involved in.

I admit that I don't always know what is going on and obviously one person can't be in multiple places at once or we have commitments that overlap with other campus events, but the least we can do is try. Just try to spare a few minutes. This is the caring college for a reason. The name didn't come out of nowhere. I do not that believe that anyone on this campus is entirely apathetic about what happens on campus, I just think that we need to actually make a greater effort and start showing that we do care.

Polanski: Wanted and Desired

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
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Unless you have been living under a rock for the past few weeks, the name Roman Polanski should trigger some sort of recognition in your subconsciousness.

Polanski is responsible for directing *Rosemary's Baby*, *Chinatown* (which earned 11 Oscar nominations), and *The Pianist*. Though widely known for his phenomenal work as a celebrated Hollywood director, the 76-year-old Oscar winner has been making headlines in recent weeks – though not for his creative genius.

On Sept. 26, Roman Polanski was en route to the Zurich Film Festival to pick up a Lifetime Achievement Award and was detained at the airport by Swiss officials. The officials had an outstanding warrant out for Polanski's arrest – for an offense dating back more than 30 years!

For a vast majority of the college's population, this event was way before any of us were born, so here's a recap of what happened in 1977. When Polanski was 43-years-old, he was asked to photograph 13-year-old aspiring model, Samantha Gailey (now Geimer) for French *Vogue*, with the consent of her mother.

The two had a private shoot at Jack Nicholson's house (a pal of Polanski), even though Nicholson was absent.

There, Polanski got Samantha drunk on champagne, drugged her with quaaludes (a powerful sedative) and proceeded to have sexual intercourse with her despite her continual refusals. In order to protect Geimer from the ordeal of a trial, her attorney offered Polanski a plea bargain, which was accepted. The terms stipulated that Polanski would plead guilty to having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, committing statutory rape.

Before he could be sentenced, Polanski hopped a flight to Europe and has been living in France ever since, continuing to further his filmmaking career. Since Polanski is a French citizen, and according to the terms of their extradition treaty, France can choose not to extradite one of their own. Roman Polanski has been able to live in relative freedom – until a few weeks ago, that is. The detainment at the airport on Sept. 26 has been the topic of interest, with the resulting global backlash generating a media frenzy. There are decisive camps consisting of European governments, hot-shot directors, and fans that are weighing in on what is shaping up to be the penultimate scene of this drawn-out Hollywood drama.

No one is contesting that Polanski is a great filmmaker – the various awards and achievements are a testament to that. However, that does not change the fact that he is a guilty man. He admitted to the charges laid against him but then fled like a coward before he could be convicted.

Polanski is receiving sympathetic support from the French and Polish governments and from fellow bigwig filmmakers such as Martin Scorsese, Woody Allen, and David Lynch who are

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Is it too much to ask for us to call ourselves Americans? Going by recent trends here in the U.S., the answer could very well be yes. The debate over immigration has shed light on the startling decline of a unified America and heightened divisions among ethnicities. This separateness stems from a renewed resistance towards assimilation and embracing the prospect of becoming Americans.

People are proud to call themselves Chinese, Mexican, Russian, Jamaican, etc. But within the last few years this identification has taken a step in the wrong direction. It has become common place for Americans to flat out reject any emphasis on being Americans first. The thought of the United States as a melting pot has lost its appeal, while the image of a salad bowl has taken center stage.

A country whose citizens lack any form of connection is surely headed downhill. Let's not forget that being an American first does not imply ditching

one's heritage or traditions. However, they should become secondary.

Where can we begin to mend the cracks between us? The first step must begin with not-so-familiar aspects of immigration. Any immigration reform should aim to encourage immigrants to assimilate and learn about American culture. The suggestion of "patriotic citizenship" and "patriotic immigration" has been coined by former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich.

This is a constructive way to immerse new immigrants into the American way of life. Public schools in largely immigrant communities should focus on teaching the English language and American history because every American ought to be familiar with the founding and unique timeline of the United States. Could you imagine living in the U.S. while being completely unaware of the Declaration of Independence, American Revolution, authors of the Constitution, American Civil War, the Great Depression, the civil rights movement, or the Presidential election of 2000? There is nothing stronger than a shared American history.

With respect to the question over language, English should be at least the primary language, if not the official one, used on government documents and work places, street signs, and in public schools.

Posting highway or street signs in various languages or administering driver's license exams in a variety of languages is unreasonable.

There is a serious issue when citizens have trouble communicating with one another. Seeing Asian, Hispanic, or European communities huddled together and unable to branch out is far from beneficial. In order to help non-English speaking immigrants learn, state and local governments should offer basic English language courses similar

to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in public schools. Even some policies that urge customers or patrons to speak English, like that of Geno's Steaks in Philadelphia, are sending the right message.

Another part to the solution is clamping down on illegal immigration, a practice that has been the main contributor to anti-assimilation attitudes. It seems as though current immigration into the U.S. is occurring for the wrong reasons, as we can see with the millions of illegal aliens entering the country each year.

Coming to America should not solely be about making money and sending it back home or about collecting government aid without paying taxes. For crying out loud, it is common practice for illegal immigrants to bear "anchor babies" just to attain an easier path towards citizenship. Does America offer nothing but a quick buck? This is exactly why immigration to the U.S. has been devalued.

Immigrating to the U.S. should also be about becoming an American and appreciating the principles established during our founding. The right to vote, having a representative government, the right to free speech, the right to freely practice religion, and equal protection under the law. "Let's be clear, I am not discounting the draw to America (jobs and financial gain), after all, this is the land of opportunity, but it can't be the only reason to come here. We want people to immigrate and be enthusiastic about fitting in to our society. The Seal of the United States gets the point across with its motto "E pluribus unum", which means "out of many, one." This is the defining characteristic of America.

It is time to discourage illegal immigration, because it demonstrates an obvious lack of intent to stay in America.

Mass deportations would do little good, as would an open borders policy. A completed fence would be a mild deterrent, while requiring employers to verify their employees' citizenship should be a top priority. Enforcement should revolve around one rule of thumb, waiting in line (this is a country of law and order). People who truly want to come and who appreciate the core principles of the United States will work hard at it. People who are willing to strive towards a goal and put in the time will be those who are committed to becoming an American. Sticking to legal immigration will weed out those who want to merely hop on board the "free rider express."

Love of one's country. It doesn't get any simpler than that. Nothing is more satisfying than having a group as diverse as the American society feel such a deep appreciation and love of country as it does.

It speaks volumes when you hear Americans cheering at the sight and thunder of fireworks on the Fourth of July, when you see so many people with lumps in their throats as our National Anthem is played, and when we are captivated by the beauty of the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Statue of Liberty, and the Stars and Stripes.

All Americans, including immigrants, should strive towards a one American community. Patriotic immigration has often been misrepresented as a War on Immigration.

The point of reform is to improve the nature of the current immigration trend, not close our borders. Our ethnicities and unique heritages should be preserved, but not at the expense of American unity and identity.

We are Americans first and we should be proud. From this point on, I shall call myself an American-Chinese.

Burst the bubble

BY KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I'm fairly certain that most students are aware of this but haven't actually taken the time to explore the surrounding towns.

And sorry, but just because you go to Target, Panera and the mall does not mean you are getting out of the bubble.

What I'm talking about is having a more fulfilling and unique cultural experience rather than just running down the same old list of perfectly packaged chain stores and restaurants that fit precisely into your comfort zone. I always overhear students saying, "I'm so bored, there's nothing to do here."

Nothing to do? Have you been to downtown Allentown? Probably not, but why is that? Is it because you think you'll get attacked or shot if you go past 17th Street?

Well here's a little reality check for you: the people outside of the "Muhlenberg Bubble" may not fit into the stereotype of Muhlenberg, but they are human beings just like the rest of us. They listen to music, go out to eat, go shopping, read, and watch TV like we do.

Surely there are areas of downtown Allentown where you should always be alert and aware of what is going

Believe it or not, there's a world outside of the "Muhlenberg Bubble."

on around you, but isn't every city like that? When you go for a night out in New York City you always make sure that you are with at least two other people, and you always are cautious to pay close attention to your surroundings, or at least that's what I do.

I would not suggest exploring Allentown at night but during the day the city serves as a new cultural experience. Most students do not go past 19th Street because that is within their comfort zone.

Next time you decide you want to go out to lunch or dinner, instead of going to the usual Applebee's, Friday's, Panera, Saladworks, etc, try checking out Hamilton Street (take Chew to 17th, make a right at the light, then a left onto Hamilton).

You might just enjoy exploring the restaurant and shopping options. You may also be surprised to see, dare I say it, that the people are no different from you or I.

I drive down Hamilton to 6th Street three times a week to go to my internship and every time there is always a different restaurant that I notice that I want to try or a store that I want to go into.

During the lunch hour, the city is a hub of excitement with all sorts of people walking around, getting lunch, and shopping. Some are business people on their lunch break, some are couples, and some are college students. It looks just like the center of my suburban hometown during any given day.

Then around 3:00 p.m., crowds of kids are walking home from school. There are high school aged kids walking together and some stop at the elementary school to pick up their little brother or sister so they can make sure they are safe on their walk home. Again, it looks just like when school lets out in my town.

The city is alive, it's the real world, and it's a part of American culture, the same culture that we were all raised in. Sure it's different from life inside of the Bubble but don't be scared of it. Embrace

it. Get out, go.

I love Muhlenberg but the perfect, picturesque scene and the comfortableness of it gets to me sometimes, and I have to get out, so I do.

Maybe it's just because I'm a culture whore, but for me, every experience outside the Bubble proves to be new, exciting and refreshing.

Next time you decide you want to go out to lunch or dinner, instead of going to the usual... try checking out Hamilton Street.

To be Southern at Muhlenberg

By JEREMY SCHWARTZMAN
OP/ED WRITER

When I was deciding whether to come to Muhlenberg, there was one enormous factor weighing against all the great things I saw: I would be leaving the South.

I hail from Cary, North Carolina (a still de facto segregated area), a town near Raleigh, where leaving the North Carolina school system to go to college was a rarity.

I was the first person from my school to attend Muhlenberg, and while there were hordes of seniors already walking around in their Chapel Hill, NC State, Greensboro, Wilmington, or Charlotte T-shirts, I was pummeled with questions along the lines of "What the hell is a Muhlenberg?"

While Muhlenberg isn't that far north of my home (it's about an 11 hour drive), the people most certainly are.

Looking through the freshman gallery, I cringed when I saw the long list of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and only a scattered Louisiana, Tennessee, and my single North Carolina.

She had received multiple complaints about my comments and that my "racism made others feel uncomfortable."

Every Southerner has the innate fear of coming to the North and coming off as a redneck dunce, and I have to say I think I've done pretty well for myself (I can't remember the last time I said "ya'll"). Yet I've run into some issues I never dreamed of having to face.

There is a difference between Northerners and Southerners. Believe it or not, in the South we walk slowly because of the heat, and I always find myself lagging behind when talking to people or moving ahead in lines.

Up here everyone stops at crosswalks, you can't expect the person in front of you to hold the door, the ground is made of dirt and not clay, and the Garden Room doesn't serve pig products as much as I think they should.

Despite my laundry list of complaints none of them compare to one that I'm currently facing: racism.

I made the mistake during my film history class of mentioning I enjoyed the movie *The Birth of a Nation* and the parts of the film involving Southern pride (for those who don't know, the film is about the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the birth of the Ku Klux Klan). That's a no-no.

The professor came up to me the next class and politely explained that she had received multiple complaints about my comments and that my "racism made others feel uncomfortable."

I was baffled. Were these people saying this because I said I enjoy the movie, or because I was a Southerner saying I enjoyed the movie?

The rumor is spilling through school that I am "that racist Jeremy kid," but I don't mind, in fact that just solidifies my notion that I have to adapt to this new climate (literally and figuratively).

I've decided it just isn't worth it trying to hide where I come from, and being from the South has its two great benefits: easy admission and being unique (since I can't be the only Jewish kid anymore). Maybe I'll even start dropping some "ya'lls" from time to time.

Why we have less spirit

By DAVID EISENBERG
OP/ED WRITER

The Editor's note last week explained how seemingly low our school spirit was for Spirit Week and all but challenged us to make it better. Rather than telling

us how low it was and making us feel bad in the process, I figure that it would be a better idea to analyze why this Spirit Week was below expectations, at least according to the editors.

The lack of an athletic auction had me at a loss. At one point during Spirit Week, I thought to myself, "Isn't there supposed to be an athletic auction during this time? What happened to it?" The fact that it was cancelled due to lack of athletic participation came as a complete shock to me. Having attended the previous ones (and, sadly, coming empty handed each time), I can tell those who haven't been there that it was a very good time. If nothing else, it's fun to see people get into bidding wars over the participants. For all the freshman athletes out there who didn't express interest, I suggest you do so for next year. It's a good time for all.

The lack of people at the football game is something that's easier to explain. Simply put, the student body was spoiled by our football team during the last two years. If you don't know about or haven't been following the past two years, the College went undefeated for the first time in school history, beat a very good team in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, gave a perennial Division III football power a good scare in the next round, and finished the season ranked eighth in the nation. Last season, we climbed as high as number two in the country in one poll and, if not for a fluke fumble against rival Moravian, came close to going undefeated again.

Needless to say, that leaves me hungry for more - never mind that we lost our starting and back-up quarterbacks and All-American running back, center, and defensive player. The latter two obviously have that same hunger since they came back here as coaches. But seeing five turnovers in the first half that ended 27-3 discourages a fan (especially one as loud but pessimistic as I am), and at that point I just wanted to see the homecoming court ceremony. Either way, the fans that stayed got louder in the second half as we made a run for the lead - louder than I'd heard them all last season. Perhaps there's still hope.

Besides, if I spent more time at the football game I'd have spent less time pre-gaming for the final part of the festivities: the men's soccer game. With all due respect to my friends on the football team, our other footballers had given us some fine games and left me stoked for the beating another nationally-ranked team after beating #10 Dickinson the previous Wednesday. Though we didn't win that game either (the Mules went 1-for-5 in all homecoming games this year, in fact), you can't say that we didn't have the spirit for that game. In fact, every men's soccer game has its fair share of rowdy fans, and this one was no different: we had people with red face paint, people with signs showing their appreciation for the team, and even shirtless guys with their bodies painted. It seems like the editors didn't stumble upon that game since that would have blown their theory of us lacking spirit out of the water.

The biggest problem that we had for Spirit Week, though, was its timing. Normally we have a full week of festivities leading up to our big events on Saturday. This year, Spirit Week was cut short due to people coming back from Fall Break on a Tues. It's a little harder to get into spirit after you've just returned from home.

I ooze Muhlenberg pride no matter where I go, but for some people it takes a while to get back into the groove - not just academically but socially as well. And that's the core reason why our spirit seemed lagging this homecoming week. In the future, I encourage the administration to schedule our festivities for a full week, preferably before Fall Break, so that we can get adequately psyched for the activities. One can hope that there will be a little more butt-kicking for our sports teams as well. That always helps.

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calling for the director's immediate release, but have all these supporters forgotten that he drugged and raped a 13-year-old girl? Is it deemed "acceptable" because the passage of time is enough to assuage the gravity of the crime? Or is it because he is a celebrity, and of course celebrities are not mere mortals - they can get away with many things us normal folk cannot (unless of course you're Paris Hilton).

His arrest should not have shocked us - it was a very long time coming. Although it seems somewhat out of the blue, the fact is that ever since U.S. officials heard he would be going to Zurich to accept the award, they were on the lookout. There has been an U.S. arrest warrant out for him since 1978, and he has been on the Interpol "red notice" list for many years.

In 2005 an international arrest warrant was issued. Yes, a 76-year-old man being arrested is a tragic thing, but just because it's depressing does not mean that Polanski should be absolved from all responsibility. It's all his own doing - if he hadn't fled 30 years ago, he would have been a 43-year-old going to jail instead of an older man.

Many ask, "Why now after 30 years?" I don't know the answer, but I suppose he's just been very careful to avoid places where he knew he could get detained. But fate finally seemed to have caught up with him. He committed a crime, admitted to it, and then refused to accept the consequences thirty years ago.

As the old adage goes, "Don't do the crime if you can't do the time." Well Roman, let's face it - it's finally time.

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7 DAYS A WEEK



Mental Health Week gets a check up

By DAVID SCHUTZBANK
NEWS WRITER

Mental Health Awareness Week was held from Mon., Oct. 5 to Thurs.,

Oct. 8. Active Minds was the organization that coordinated it.

The event certainly did not go unnoticed by the campus community. The windows in Garden Room and the General's Quarters were painted to announce and celebrate the week. Members of the organization were at the Seegers tables for all four days.

At said tables, volunteers gave out approximately 100 chocolate yellow ribbon lollipops. Each of the lollipops had a suggested \$1 donation price. There were also baggies of Hershey Kisses with stickers on them that read "Did you know 1 in 4 people have a mental health disorder?" The stickers also included the web address that promoted such studies.

In addition to the tasty treats, there were numerous pamphlets on mental health. These included informative and preventative brochures on suicide, women and depression, anxiety disorders, OCD, panic attacks, and more. There were magnets from the National Suicide Prevention hotline. Most prominent were the yellow ribbons that over 300 students, faculty, and staff members pinned onto their shirts.

Mon., Oct. 5 was the National Day Without Stigma. The whole intent of the day was to promote a conversation about mental health disorders that would encourage people to talk about it more openly thus hopefully getting rid of the negative stigma associated with mental illness. The Step Team performed in the Garden Room to the chant "Stomp Out Stigma". The Acafellas, who had just released a new CD, and the Dynamics also performed as promotions for the event.

Tues., Oct. 6 was Comedy Night in the Red Door. Three Muhlenberg students, Dan Jimenez '11, Steve Balliet '10, and Teddy Lytle '10, showed off their stand up comedy ability. The point of this event was to continue the charge of Active Minds, the promotion of a comfortable atmosphere for open discussion of mental health issues. The students in attendance, a strong

number given the Tuesday night timeslot, gave excellent feedback and had a good time.

On Wed., Oct. 7, Dr. Bips of the Psychology Department was the first of three speakers at the event in the Great Room. She talked about the history of students with mental health issues on campus.

Dr. Bips, a former head of the counseling center in the

If Campus Safety ever responds to a call and you or a friend is the one who needs help, if there's an issue with mental health involved, you must let them know so they can effectively handle the situation.

She also discussed her own family experiences with mental health, and how her son struggled because he did not to go back to school because he was afraid that everyone knew and that everyone was judging him.

Brenda explained to her young son, "You're no different than the rest of them. I'm not saying wear it with pride, but don't be ashamed. Take this opportunity to do something about it and talk to people about it." Most importantly she talked about how you should never be ashamed of asking for help.

Active Minds President, Kelly Frazee '11, then spoke about her own experiences and the importance of being informed. She stated that "I started Active Minds because in high school my best friend told me that she had tried to end her life."

Frazee had no idea how to react as she had never come across a situation like that before. The need to educate people about issues of mental health is paramount so that they can be more

open-minded about it.

Lastly, Active Minds aired a recent episode of Grey's Anatomy where one of the patients was schizophrenic. Afterward Frazee talked about why she thought this was a relevant clip to show at the event, "while it's important that issues of mental health are being brought out into the light, it's also needed in the media. Grey's Anatomy is a show who's viewership is made up largely of college-aged people and this episode will help shed light on mental health disorders."

The event clearly underlined the importance of seeking out help whether that means going to the Counseling Center, Campus Safety, a Residential Advisor, or a professor.

Active Minds meetings are 5:30 on Wednesday in the Seegers Union. For more information please e-mail ber-gactiveminds@gmail.com.



One of the tables used to promote Mental Health Awareness Week.

PHOTO BY KELLY FRAZEE

80's, was able to offer some valuable info about mental trends among Muhlenberg students. She said that the number of students with mental health disorders has considerably increased every year for at least 30 years.

"If I were to give each of you a psychological stress survey," Bips explained, "you would score worse than your siblings and other family members at home... college is a stressful time." She connected issues of mental health directly to campus showing that these issues are prevalent right here and why we need clubs like Active Minds and events like Mental Health Awareness Week.

Campus Safety Officer Brenda Lakis was the next to speak. She talked specifically about how the officers are not trained on how to deal with mental health issues. When Campus Safety officers go out on a call and someone is unruly, or acting strange their first response is that they are drunk or on drugs.

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President's Planning Committee Convenes

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

In the fall of 2003, the President's Strategic Planning Group was first established to consider plans for the future of the College.

A committee of Trustees, faculty and staff, students, parents, and other members of the College community came together to share their visions for the College as a distinguished representation of the American Liberal Art's undergraduate institution. The committee put together a Strategic Plan that was approved in October of 2004, and now, in Oct. of 2009, the committee has been re-launched.

As of Oct. 5, President Helm began plans to launch a similar committee made up of various representatives of the College community to discuss more changes and improvements for the future. A second meeting of this committee will culminate in a Strategic Plan being presented to a Board of Trustees within the calendar year.

This Board, along with the President's staff and the newly formed President's Planning Group, collaborated to come up with the 2004 Strategic Plan.




"...plans to launch a similar committee made up of various representatives..."

A recently released Strategic Initiatives Progress Report discussed the successful developments that the Strategic Plan of 2004 initiated and that have been carried out over the past five years. The developments have been categorized by Academic Program, Academic Services, Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Life, Finances, Facilities and Technology, Admissions and Financial Aid, Development and Alumni Relations, Muhlenberg and the Community.

The former Strategic Planning Group had it's hands involved, most recently, in the determination of course offerings for 2009, the creation of the summer 2009 study abroad programs, the recent renovations on Prosser Hall, fundraising for the expansion of Hillel, and the proposed redesign of the former TKE fraternity house into rehearsal space.

By creating and meeting with this new Strategic Planning Group, President Helm and additional members of our College community will work towards the unifying goal of passing more improvements throughout campus and academic life.

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Oct. 5 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 5 - Unauthorized Person - In East Hall, Block F, first floor, there was a report of a trespasser. Upon arrival the officers notified the resident to register the guest.

Oct. 5 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Oct. 5 - Larceny/Theft - On the Back Drive, there was a report of theft of three signs. The value of the three signs is \$45. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 5 - Disruptive Conduct - On Allen St., there was a report of an off campus party from a neighbor. A Disruptive Conduct report will be issued.

Oct. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 5 - Sick Student - In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. Allentown EMS also responded and they transported the student to the hospital.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 6 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Referred to the Dean of Student's office.

Oct. 6 - Sick Student - At 2251 Turner St., building #5, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 6 - Found Property -

In the Life Sports Center field house, there was a report of a found set of keys. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 6 - Found Property - In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of a found bicycle. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. The item was returned to the owner.

Oct. 6 - Found Property - On the Back Drive, a reporting party found a grey jacket. The item was placed in the evidence closet. The owner picked up the item.

Oct. 6 - Larceny/Theft - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of theft of a bicycle. The item was found earlier and placed in the evidence closet by Campus Safety. The bike was returned to the owner.

Oct. 6 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The patient refused transport to the hospital.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In South Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 7 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, a reporting party found a wallet. Attempts were made to notify the person that the wallet was at Campus Safety. The wallet was returned to the owner.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In the Plant Operation's service shops, a fire alarm sounded due to dust in the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

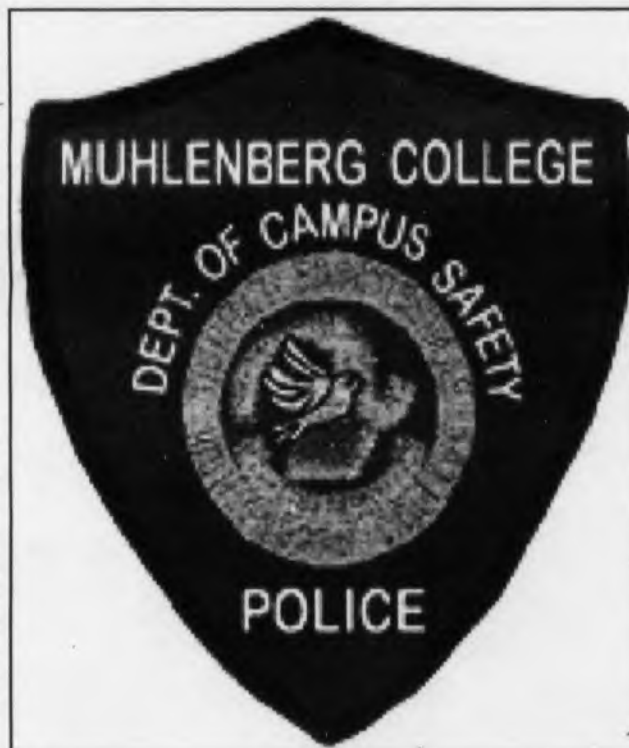
Oct. 7 - Sick Student - At 2263 Turner St., building #2, second floor, there was a report

of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. Allentown EMS also responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 7 - Harassment by Communication - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment by communication. The people involved were spoken to and issued letters of no contact.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 330 N. 22nd St. (Phi Mu), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 7 - Larceny/Theft - At the Kern Field tennis courts, there was a report of theft of a wallet and keys during a tennis team practice. A locksmith was called out to change the lock on



the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 7 - Larceny/Theft - In East Hall, Block B, second floor, there was a report of theft of keys. A locksmith was called out to change the lock on the door. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 8 - Found Property - In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found wallet. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 8 - Institutional Vandalism - In South Hall, on the second floor, there was a report of vandalism, which resulted in broken glass. Housekeeping was forced to clean it up. There are no suspects at the current time.

Oct. 8 - Found Property - On the Back Drive, a reporting party turned in a pair of sunglasses. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 8 - Flames/Smoke Visible - On the Back Drive, there was a report of smoke coming out of a mailbox on the Back Drive by the mailroom. Upon arrival it was noticed that it was the cigarette container. Plant Operations was notified to clean out the container. There was no further incident.

Oct. 8 - Larceny/Theft - At 2345 Liberty St., the Allentown Communication Center reported that two males were taking copper spouting from the house at 24th St. and Liberty St. Allentown Police Department took the two males into custody. Both of the males were non-students. They will be charged with a misdemeanor theft.

Oct. 9 - Found Property - On Chew St., there was a report of a found set of keys. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 9 - Freshman With Auto - On campus, there was a report of a freshman with an automobile. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 9 - Illegally Parked - In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report

of a vehicle that was illegally parked. Before the officer booted the vehicle, the owner came out and spoke with the officer. Arrangements were made with the Controller's Office.

Oct. 9 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost employee parking sticker. The sticker most likely fell off while driving. The employee was issued a new sticker.

Oct. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 9 - Harassment by Communication - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment. Residential Services was

notified.

Oct. 10 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS responded along with Allentown EMS and Allentown Police Department. A non-student was cited for underage consumption and public drunkenness. The non-student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Oct. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At Delta Zeta (Frederick Augustus), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from the shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 10 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 10 - Aggravated Injury - Report of an assault in Generals Quarters. An unknown person knocked a Sodexo employee down the steps while attempting to leave the area after taking food and not paying for it. Allentown Police Department responded and the video cameras were checked. The suspect is described as a white male with black or dark brown hair wearing black jeans, white sneakers, and a light blue short sleeve shirt. The suspect was in Generals Quarters from 10:59pm until 11:03pm.

Oct. 11 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - At 414 Albright St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several items of alcohol were disposed of and other items were returned to Campus Safety. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 11 - Drug Possession (Marijuana) - In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of drug possession and a fire safety violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 11 - Theft of Services - Report of theft of food from Generals Quarters. Non-students were identified and the Allentown Police Department responded. No charges will be filed. Trespass letter was sent to the non-students. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is sacred, that is to say, it is the supreme value, to which all other values are subordinate."

- Albert Einstein

New Voices speaks volumes

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE WRITER

While I would like to believe I have seen a vast amount of plays, I must admit that I had never witnessed student directed or student written plays prior to seeing New Voices, which ran from Oct. 7- Oct.11. Not only was I surprised to learn that the students were in charge of the progress and the outcome of all the performances, but I was shocked to see that there were five one-act plays. However, it is imperative for everyone reading this article to know that all five plays delivered their intended message and held the attention of the entire audience. Of course, when dealing with any type of art, there were flaws and things I did not particularly like; however, the most important thing about a play is that the audience walks away with wisdom. I know for a fact I walked away that night with new-found wisdom and the effectiveness of the plays was an eight on a scale of ten.

Sweet Sulfur

Written and Directed by: Catherine Davidson '10

I was captivated by this play and as I looked around to see the facial expressions of the other people in the audience I noticed they too were put under its powerful spell. When I read the synopsis of this play I discovered that the plot entails the struggles of a girl as she "passes from girlhood to womanhood." In my mind, I thought it would be about growing breasts or dating, but the audience slowly discovered that it is about a girl struggling with good and evil. Cornelia, played by the brilliant Louisa DeButts '12, is an awkward and slightly disturbed brunette who has anxieties and jealous tantrums whenever she hears or sees her polar opposite sister, Cecile.

I say opposite because Cecile, played by the convincing Gina Zelko '11, a beautiful blonde who is portrayed to be perfect in every way, or at least in the ways that Cornelia is not, especially when it comes to social ordeals. The play begins with the sisters arguing over a doll display a normal situation with which the female audience can relate, but it slowly turns into a situation the audience is unprepared to face. While the end of the play might have been predictable, the audience walks away with a new realization that mankind can beat evil and choose good.

Truth or Love

Written by: Hannah Mesouani '11

Directed by: Prof. Leslie Pasternack

Just by reading the synopsis written by the director, Leslie Pasternack, I understood that there will be a few subjects that are either unfamiliar or hard to grasp. A lot of the topics and messages in this play brought awareness to the audience and opened their minds and hearts to new ideas. This play "depicts realities of Moroccan life" and shows some of the realities of the Islamic culture. This play is set in Morocco and revolves around the scandal committed by Layla, a 16-year-old lady who firmly believes in her Islamic faith. She is caught having sexual relations with another lady, Nour, in a mosque, and Nour also happens to be the daughter of the ambassador to France. The judge and the three policemen perform their parts well as they criticize and tear Nour's soul apart. They scorn her and tell her that she is offending Allah, the Islamic God, by doing what she did, but she firmly states that she does love Allah. The audience left this play thinking that freedom is worth dying for and one of the most precious gifts a human can possess. Americans forget how lucky they are to

have freedom, as many people in the world do not. Layla is willing to make sacrifices to stand up for what she believes in and the audience walked away with intention to fight for whatever they believe in, no matter the cause. This was a very well acted and thought-provoking play.

Ouroboros

Written and Directed by: Zach Trebino '12

While I knew this play was going to be difficult to understand just from the synopsis, I had no idea I would have a headache afterwards from thinking too much. Honestly, it is hard to summarize what this play is about. Many things were said and many questions were presented and left unanswered. There were a lot of

loud noises and a lot of yelling. There was blood, death, and destruction of the mind. The reason I seem to be coming down hard on this play is because the message that it was trying to present was not clear to me. A lot of the other people in the audience were confused as well as shown by their puzzled facial expressions.

First of all, the characters of the play don't even have real names. The letters X, P, and S identified the characters. The female, referred to as P, is the loudest character that screams a lot because she is frustrated, as we all were. She is the character who is searching to make sense of what the other two guys are saying about reality and finds it hard to believe that the reality she has held to be true for so long may not exist. The other two men talk in circles and feel the need to question everything's existence. This play was longer than the other plays, which also made it more difficult to handle. There were some great props for example, the paint, chairs, blankets, pretend drugs, and typewriter.

I cannot really comment on the acting, as I was too frustrated with the plot to really take notice of the acting. The writing was unusual and not effective in my opinion.

Out of the Ash

Written by: Shannon Leigh Wittenberger '11

Directed by: Kaitlin Nemeth '10

This play was the piece of art that the audience could connect with the most. College students are teenagers who recently left high school, so the problems and the people that exist in that institution are still fresh in our minds. The story is centered on Phoebe, played by Rachel Clausen '13, a red head who is having difficulty figuring out

who she is. She remembers what she was like as a kid and sees that she has changed dramatically. She used to be the childhood loser that never got male attention and now she has grown into this provocative and sexually active teenager who bizarrely attends Catholic school. She is sleeping with the homecoming king from the public school, and making the wrong choices as seen by her necessity to take a pregnancy test.

Still, even when she thinks she is pregnant she does not see the need for her to change until her former best friend, the brother to her current flame, starts to throw advice and tender loving care her way. She resists him at first and finds him to be a bother as he is prying into her life. Yet, as they go down memory lane and recall what they had together, sparks arise and feelings come out. The audience assumes that Phoebe changed only



Top: Scene from New Voices play *Ouroboros*... by Zach Trebino.

Bottom: Scene from New Voices play *Ouch, That Hurts!* by Jack Powers

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Win a date to *Bat Boy: The Musical*

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

Musical!, which runs October 23 through November 1 in the Baker Theatre, you and three lucky friends (or you and your parents, since it's Family Weekend, also!) could see it for free by winning the musical's official video contest.

All it takes is a creative mind, a wicked sense of humor, and a digital camera.

"We wanted to give the students a way to be involved with the show that was both fun and showed off their talent," said Shawn Proctor, Acting Director of Marketing and Development for the Theatre and Dance Department.

To enter the contest, first watch the Match.com

If you're planning to gear up for Halloween by seeing *Bat Boy: The*

parody created by the *Bat Boy* cast for YouTube by searching "Muhlenberg" and "Bat Boy." Then create your own video response telling the cast why you should be the winner and post it as a reply to the original video.

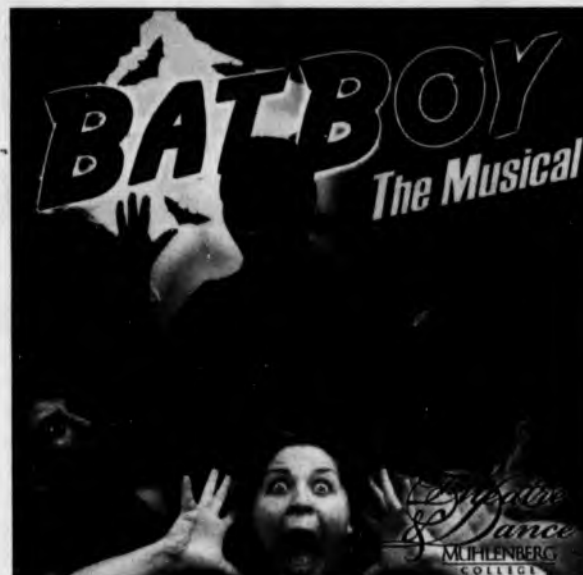
Be creative, be imaginative, and be funny.

Feel free to dress up and get into character (after all it is almost Halloween). Just be sure to keep it G-rated and under two minutes.

The cast of *Bat Boy* will vote on the winner, so hurry up and get your video entered by Oct. 16.

Take this opportunity to get involved with the College's theatre department, and remember to drag your parents out to see *Bat Boy: The Musical* during Family Weekend.

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This weekend on campus

Fri. Oct. 16

Judith Ross: *Living with War* exhibit in Baker Theater from 12:00-8:00 pm

The Claremont Trio with Beth Guterman on viola from 8:00-10:00 pm in Empie Theater

Barefoot Truth plays in the Red Door from 11:00-midnight

Free bowling trip to the Playdrome Rosebowl from

midnight-3:00 am

Sat. Oct 17

Women's 5K classic in the Lehigh Parkway from 9:00-noon

Free trip to Strawberry Acres from 12:30-3:00 p.m. Departs from CA at 12:30 pm

Halloween Haunt at Dorney Park from 6:00-midnight

Scott McKenna performs in the Seegers Lobby from 10:00-11:00 pm

Sun. Oct. 18

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because she was insecure with whom she was. You notice that she tried to

bury the past, as she did not even remain friends with her best friend from middle school.

Maybe getting a glimpse of the past is what she needed to move forward; we all need to reconcile with our past in order to create a better future. This was a funny, well performed, and attention-grabbing play.

Ouch That Hurts!

Written by: Jack Powers '10

Directed by: Natalie Cutcher '10

This play was very well written. It had clever jokes and the facial expressions and reactions of the actors made the comedy come alive. Barry, played by Scott Parkinson '10, and Reggie, played by Chris Amirault '11, are two US Army soldiers who are on an early-morning patrol in a fictitious location in Iraq.

Many things have gone wrong with their morning as one of the soldiers gets bitten by a scorpion in his crotch, they were both picked to patrol the streets on a dangerous mission, and they both supposedly landed in a bomb infested area. The incidents provide the comedy for the audience, but the emotions that are evoked from this play comes from the relationship between Reggie and Barry, who have been best friends since childhood. As they are stuck in the bomb infested location waiting for the crazy Sergeant Bickers, played by the hilarious Colin Hooker-Haring '10, to save them, feelings and emotions come out between them that you wouldn't think would at that dangerous and explosive time.

They talk about past flames, their desire to go to college, to have sex, and their hope not to get killed or bitten again. They even come under attack and yet they maintain this ease with each other and their situation because their friendship transcends anything that has happened between them. It is funny, heartwarming, and a great way to end the night as the previous plays had been heavy and painful for the mind.

Overall, I was very impressed with the talent coming from the actors, directors, writers, and all the crew that helped put the show together. They created a fabulous night filled with education and fun, which is a rarity.

Jennifer's Body, entertaining but shallow

BY ERIC SCHULKIN
LIFE WRITER

I went to go see *Jennifer's Body* with five girls I know.

We all sat down and engaged in the pre-movie ritual of gossiping about going-ons at my former high school. Turns out I'm really behind on just about everything; I guess going to college will do that to you.

While this was happening, I couldn't help but notice that there were only two other people in the entire theatre coming to watch the movie.

This was at nine o'clock on a Friday night, and the movie only came out last week. Uh-oh, I thought this does not bode well, but I'll stay open-minded.

Staying open-minded is a little hard to do when Megan Fox is the lead actress. If she didn't wow you with her stellar acting in *Transformers*, she will definitely not do it here.

Jennifer's Body (might as well be called *Megan's Body*) begins when an evil Indie rock band (you have no idea how long I've been waiting to write that), Low Shoulder, led by the delightfully twisted Adam Brody (*The OC*, *In the Land of Women*), implants a demon into Jennifer so that Satan can give them fame and fortune, and pretty much everything goes downhill from there.

This generation's *Exorcist* starts with a murderous rampage of brutally killing any boy foolish enough to get in her pants, which is pretty much any guy.

Caught in the middle is Jennifer's lifelong friend, Needy, played by Amanda Seyfried of *Mean Girls* fame, who is overwhelmed and distraught by the changes in her best friend forever. There's a little bit of a deeper meaning here (not too much, mind you). It's a coming-of-age story where old friendships are severely tested. Jennifer and Needy have been

lifelong pals, even though you would have never have thought it.

Megan Fox is the perfect cast for this role as the desirable mean girl who, because of her meanness, really only has one friend, Needy.

One scene in particular illustrates the relationship perfectly when a recently possessed Jennifer staggers back to Needy's house and throws up a black viscous fluid of pure evil all over her floor. Needy ends up staying all night cleaning it up, sobbing the whole time. This is something that I think many a teenaged girl has gone through when covering up for a friend, just without the whole demonic theme to it. The dialogue is quick and clever with several highly entertaining one-liners that allude to menstrual bleeding and Vagisil, amongst other things.

Writer Diablo Cody's style and wit shine through at some points, reminding us what made her previous effort, *Juno*, so special.

It really can't be argued that Diablo Cody has a knack for understanding the teenage mind, its insecurities, triumphs, and general craziness.

The main thing is, though you can't take this kind of movie seriously, you can't think of it as just another run of the mill horror movie.

What we have here is an entertaining satire.

If you come in with the right expectations you will find this movie as enjoyable as I did.



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RULES!"

"I couldn't help but notice that there were only two other people in the entire theater coming to watch the movie."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What would be on the GQ burger of your dreams?



"Anything but a slice of disgusting deli meat."
-Kim Hanson, '12



"A 'Muhlenbomb': a bagel, beef patty, egg, cheese, onion ring, barbecue sauce, bacon, and another bagel."
-Kevin Tomasura, '12 and Scott Kanner, '12



"Veggie burger!"
-Gabrielle Capozzoli, '12



"Turkey burger, sour cream, three pieces of cheddar cheese, lettuce, hot sauce, and ice cream with rainbow sprinkles on a whole grain kaiser roll."
-Tonamy Paterakis, '12



"Cheddar, bacon, mushrooms, peppers, and avocados."
-Courtney Brown, '11

Courtesy of Kristin Lapos

AMC Weekend Listings



Fame

Fri. 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:15, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:15, 7:10

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs

Fri. 4:40, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:40, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 6:50

Where the Wild Things Are

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

Couples Retreat

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:30

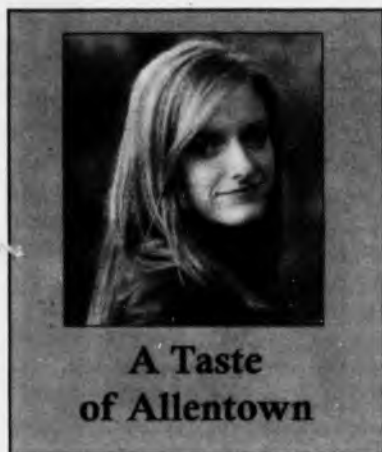
The Invention of Lying

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Sun. 2:00, 4:20, 7:50

Zombieland

Fri. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:10, 7:20

A little change can go a long way



A Taste of Allentown

By ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

I can remember it like it was yesterday—walking into the GQ after Fall Break and preparing myself to scan the menu signs while my stomach growled. I had been looking forward to the chicken bruschetta wrap ever since I had left campus the previous Friday.

But as I reached the entrance to the GQ, I suddenly realized that everything was out of place, and worst of all, my beloved wrap was gone.

I knew I wasn't alone in my heartbreak, for as I was moseying back to my dorm, sulking all the way, I heard similar exclamations from other students. "What happened to GQ?!"

"Once the culture shock subsided, I realized that different can be better."

Despite the changes that had been advertised for the past month, many were caught off guard.

My friend Sam burst open my door, furious, and yelled "I am boycotting GQ!" We sat and reminisced about the savory flavors in our favorite GQ menu items, long gone. Would GQ ever be the same?

Once the culture shock subsided, I realized that different can be better.

For when I returned to GQ the next morning, I looked back at the space where the Deli once stood and found a plethora of sushi! Not only do I now have the healthier option of sushi, I have the opportunity to become the eager sushi eater I've always dreamed of being. Before eating my first bite of GQ sushi, I had eaten sushi once in my life. I jumped on the opportunity to eat more. With my roommate Melissa as my sushi guide, she and I picked out the most appetizing options and sat down at a table with our chopsticks, feeling ever so cultured. It was love at first bite as the GQ found a new place in my heart.

I couldn't stop raving about the sushi for the rest of the day.

I asked a bunch of my friends for their opinions. Though a handful said they didn't like sushi and avoided raw fish at all costs, the overall opinion was positive. Multiple people reported making comments along the lines of, "it's not exactly gourmet sushi, but it's way better than the sushi offered at my supermarket at home, and definitely

better than what I was expecting." I have heard complaints of the unappetizing fishy smell that comes from the sushi station in the morning, and the over-sticky rice that makes eating the sushi a difficult task. But all in all, many think it's worth it.

You have to hand it to the guys behind the counter, they must know what they're doing to be able to produce countless amounts of great sushi every day for hundreds of hungry college students.

Though I was very satisfied with the sushi, I knew that if I ate sushi every day, the delicious taste would slowly wear away and I'd get so sick of sushi that I'd never be able to eat it again. I needed another option. I thought back to the chicken bruschetta

wrap that had captured my heart not too long ago, and I thought of a brilliant idea. Why not recreate the wrap with the ingredients that are offered at the counter? I placed my order, listing off the wrap with lettuce, tomato, the pesto mayo, and I added my own twist: the chicken used in the buffalo chicken wrap instead of the chicken from the bruschetta chicken wrap. This new wrap had the same delicious flavor as before, and the change in the style of chicken made it a hundred times better. If anyone is considering recreating the bruschetta chicken wrap, I highly suggest requesting the crispier chicken. For those who are still mourning the loss of their favorite subs, look on the bright side. There's always new flavors to try, and lots of ingredients to replicate the classics. The new GQ can be the old GQ if you know what to order, and a little change can go a long way.

Personally, I've only ordered the sesame chicken sub at the new SubConnection counter. I was a bit nervous to try it, because it combines the Asian flavor with cheese, and I'm not a huge cheese person. But I was pleased to find that it tasted like an asian sesame pizza and I liked it a lot. However, I'm not as eager to try other subs as I was to try the sushi due to the prices of the subs at SubConnection.

I asked my friends what they thought of the prices at SubConnection and they all agreed that the subs are overpriced compared to how they used to be. My advice to those who are worried about the prices: make your own sub with the ingredients you want. That way, you can get a Meal Deal that tastes like a sub you'd order right off the menu.

I've found that the new GQ is a place you have to ease yourself into. It's not like the Garden Room where you can grab anything and everything all at once and still have room for fro-yo.

Though the fixed prices only allow a steady pace of taste expansion, trying everything is definitely doable, and with the new cultural aspects, you won't ever get tired of the same flavors.



Predators' Wilson ready to take bite out of NHL

By ALAN BASS
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

With the introduction of the salary cap to the post-lockout NHL, teams are often forced to put young, cheap talent on their rosters in order to allow higher paid veterans to stay on the team. In fact, the 2008-09 season saw nine first round picks from the 2008 Draft see ice time on an NHL roster.

Often, the young players on a team at any given time are depth players who can barely skate with the men in the NHL. Once in a while, though, you see a teenager jump to the league and show that he is for real. Colin Wilson of the Nashville Predators is one of those guys.

"I know that he is going to have a real long career," said Predators coach Barry Trotz on his newfound young scorer. "He's really strong. He'll put up good numbers."

Wilson has already shown he is capable of doing just that, winning the 2008 Hockey East Rookie of the Year award after posting 35 points in 37 games with the Boston University Terriers. Last year as a sophomore, he led the team with 55 points in 47 games and was named an NCAA East All-American in addition to winning the National Championship.

His strong game lead him to be seventh overall pick in the 2008 NHL Entry Draft by the Predators.

"He has great instincts for the game and is a big, powerful man," said Trotz. "He can separate people and win battles in the corners. He has to improve his quickness, though. He is such a great thinker that I don't think it will be a problem, but that's the only weakness I see."

At Boston University, Wilson learned from one of the best in legendary coach Jack Parker. Parker, who has won 11 conference championships and three National titles, was a huge influence in Wilson's hockey career.

"Coach Parker taught me to just battle through adversity," said Wilson. "There are many things that come up; sometimes you're not playing well, sometimes you have an injury and he just taught me how to deal with it and how to develop my all-around game."

Playing for the successful program also helped further Wilson's confidence.

"You're on a team that generally wins," Wilson continued. "When you're on a team with players who generally win, it lets you know what it takes for you to win, what is put into it."

Throughout his first NHL training camp, which included a groin injury that continues to sideline him, Wilson said that he often received advice from his father, Carey Wilson, who played in 552 NHL games.

"I think with training camp, having a dad who played helped," said Wilson. "Especially with my groin injury now, he talks to me about it. He's had it before and he tells me just to not worry about it, work hard and get back to full health."

Despite his injury, Trotz ultimately decided to keep Wilson on the roster for the regular season.

"He has great instincts offensively, he won all the puck battles," Trotz explained. "Whenever there was a loose puck battle, he always won it. He's really competitive, he wins battles and he can make something happen out of those battles. He has a big body and we're really happy with him right now."

Trotz continued to explain that when Wilson returns from his injury, he may fit in with a mix of players. The coaching staff sees Wilson being paired with a young player like Patric Hornqvist and an older, experienced veteran.

Despite minor problems hankering Wilson's attempt to make a splash at the start of the regular season, both he and the organization are optimistic.

"I think he may be [a cornerstone of the franchise] eventually," Trotz said. "I don't know how dynamic he will be offensively, but I know that he is going to have a real long career, because he's sort of a Rod Brind'Amour type...You can win with a Colin Wilson-type player on a regular basis."

As for Wilson, it is simply a matter of getting healthy and keeping a great work ethic.

"You have to keep working hard and be smart at the same time," Wilson concluded. "You just have to bear down and do what it takes to make it to the game roster."

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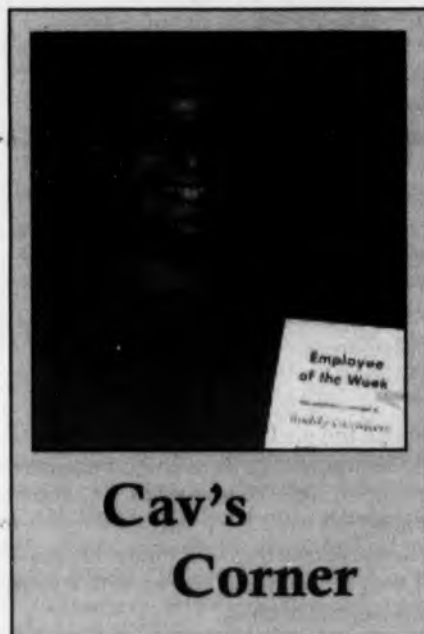
Above, members of the Men's Lacrosse team, coaches and faculty after participating in a marathon for Via.

Below, the Women's Field Hockey Team after Philadelphia Vision-Walk.

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A rival battle becomes an instant classic



BUDDY CAVALIERE
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

It's not very often that one game eclipses all of the ones on a particular day but that was definitely the case

this past Sunday. The game was Team Ramrod against The Soul City Symphony. It had all the necessary elements for a great game and without a doubt lived up to the hype.

This game struck everyone from the start; it was the battle for second place in the very strong East Division which would lead to a better ranking and easier ride to the championship in the upcoming playoffs. Both teams were playing shorthanded forcing every player to play both defense and offense. The game also saw the return of Soul City Symphony's Wide Receiver Junior Chris Harper, who had been injured and unable to play in the team's first few games. Harper was not the only player making his debut this week, Team Ramrod's Senior Receiver Rob Waldele also made his first appearance of the year.

Soul City Symphony took an early lead and things did not look good for Team Ramrod. Ramrod looked lost on the field and could not score or stop SCS from scoring for most of the first half. As

time wound down in the first half, SCS was winning 25-6 and it looked like they would easily win. Finally, Senior Tom Gambuzza made arguably the best catch of the year in the endzone with no time left on the clock, which seemed to give Team Ramrod new hope.

Team Ramrod made some halftime adjustments and came out like a completely different team in the final twenty minutes. They moved the ball and were able to cut the lead down to six halfway through the second half. Ramrod

got the ball back and drove down the field. The drive was capped with an outstanding catch in the endzone. Ramrod was now leading for the first time in the entire game. They managed to, once again, stop SCS and hold them to a completely scoreless second half. Much of Team Ramrod's success has to be credited to Senior Jim Ackerman and

his ability to move the pocket.

It wasn't until the day after the game that I realized what a great game had taken place. Many people were asking about it, one of those people being 'Berg's starting Quarterback Sophomore Justin Myers a.k.a. "The Greatest Toe on Turf." When Muhlenberg football players are asking about an intramural game, it is pretty clear what a great game it was.

Postseason Predictions: The regular season has only one week remaining and the playoff picture is really starting to develop. As a quick closing I thought it would be a good idea to show some predictions for the playoffs. The East Division seems to be nearly set in stone already with Team Keith at number one, Team Ramrod at two, Soul City Symphony at three, and Team Xtreme in the four spot. The West Division looks to be a little more blurry but I predict it will end like this: LAX as the one seed, The Minotaurs as the two, WRE as the three, and the Wounded Seagulls rounding it out at the four seed.

It had the elements of a great game and lived up to the hype

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FROM CROSS COUNTRY | PAGE 16 personal record in a meet, Ganley talked about having confidence. He said, "You have to go into a race being confident. You can't have negative thoughts, because it will throw off your entire race. If you go [in] confident and wanting to help out the team, you will see your times improve." Ugelow mentioned the importance of running in a pack. She emphasized, "We all have at least one other girl on the team that we can run for some of the race with, and that really helps you push along and keeps you focused. It is easy to lose focus if you are running alone, so the pack is very important."

Lastly, it is important to note the Muhlenberg cross country team runners did not only bring strong competition to the Paul Short Run as individuals. The Mule men's team came in 10th out of 29 complete teams, and the Mule women's team came in 12th out of 32 teams. That being said, both Mule cross country teams have quite a lot to be proud of!

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Mules	3
Washington (Md.)	2

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Oct. 10

Mules	14
Juniata	0

Field Hockey

Oct. 7

Mules	1
Ursinus	6

Oct. 10

McDaniel	3
Mules	0

Men's Soccer

Oct. 7

DeSales	1
Mules	2

Oct. 10

Mules	4
Washington (Md.)	0

Women's Soccer

Oct. 7

Mules	1
Moravian	2(ot)

Oct. 10

Mules	2
Washington (Md.)	0



Men's Soccer Mules kick their way to two wins

BY DANIEL WAYNE
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team (8-3, 4-1) entered last Wed.'s game at home with a big chip on their shoulders. The

Mules were coming off an Oct. 3 heartbreaking loss to Johns Hopkins on Varsity Field and they showed up to face the DeSales University Bulldogs (8-3) in a fight for to get back to the top of the region.

Playing at home for the third straight game, the Mules came out of the gate strong but were unable to score in the first half. This was not the case for the Bulldogs from Center Valley, Pa. as they scored on a penalty kick that was awarded for a foul in the Mule's penalty box. On the play that led to the goal, a Mule's defender got his legs tangled with an attacking DeSales forward and the whistle was blown.

This was only the third goal that Junior Goaltender Jason Daniels, who was named Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week, had throughout the previous eight games, but this particular goal put the Mules down a to the Bulldogs going into the halftime period.

In the second half, the Mules made their mark on the game. Coming off of Junior Defender Matt Ceconni's deflected shot, Senior Forward Eric Miller got the ball just inside the goalie's box and with one swift kick he delivered a graceful cross to the middle of a scrum of players.

Rising above the rest of the pack was Junior Forward Tommy Reilly, who, with a flick of the head, tied up the game in the 78th minute and put the Mules back on a track to success.

Just nine minutes later, Senior Forward Mike Gehrmann gathered a bouncing ball at the edge of the box and fired a shot into the top corner of the Bulldogs' net. The Mules took the lead 2-1 and finished the game

with a strong defensive stand.

In their second game of the week, 'Berg faced Centennial Conference foe Washington (Md.) College at their opponent's field. Coming into the game, the Mules were 4-0 on the road this season and have outscored their opponents 19 goals to 0.

This is due in a large part to Daniels' excellent play.

"We have confidence in him (Daniels) because we have seen him mature and perform throughout the season," said Junior Midfielder Evan Rubin about his keeper. "I respect that he is such a hard worker. He is out there early before practice with the other goalies, just trying to get extra practice."

Jason is doing really well," said Head Coach Sean Topping of the Junior. "We always need to work on certain things, but this sure is a great run."

The Mules continued their run against Washington with a victory by the score of 4-0. In the easy win, 'Berg again proved its offensive prowess. Scoring for the Mules were four players, including Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini, who scored his 10th goal in 11 games. He is the first Mule to reach double-digit goals for the season.

The Topping led Mules will soon face two challenges against Drew and McDaniel on Wed. and Sat. respectively. The Mules will host McDaniel on Varsity Field on Sat., Oct. 17 in a battle that will undoubtedly have playoff implications.

Come show your support for your Mules at 1pm on Sat.!



Senior Forward Mike Gehrmann scored one of the Mules' two goals against DeSales.

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Mules' defense comes up big in a 14-0 win over Juniata

By BEN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

The Muhlenberg gridiron Mules (2-3, 1-2) shutout the Juniata Eagles (0-6, 0-4) and held them to only 145 total yards at Knox Stadium, Sat., Oct. 10. In their last three meetings, a combination of the Mules' stellar offense and shutdown defense has contributed to the Eagles being outscored 96-10. The defense was dominant - limiting the Eagles to minus-5 yards rushing on 23 rushes, forcing six turnovers, and blocking a punt. The defense was led by Senior Defensive End Jake Floyd (two and a half sacks, two forced fumbles) and Junior Linebacker Andy Curley (eight tackles, a half-sack, and a fumble recovery).

In his first career start, Freshman Quarterback Justin Myers was 13 of 24 for 135-yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Junior Running Back Joe Montemurro rushed for a career-high 75-yards on 12 carries. Both Myers and Montemurro showed promise, allowing Head Coach Mike Donnelly some offensive options to compliment Freshman Running back Terrence Dandridge and Freshman Quarterback Justin Kreamer.

From the first whistle, the Muhlenberg defense displayed its presence when they didn't allow the Juniata offense an inch. On the punt, Freshman Dan Deighan infiltrated the back field and came up with a huge block. After the drive stalled, the Mules missed a field goal giving the Eagles the ball on their own 20. Juniata's offense appeared to be heating up after a 7-yard rush, but a false start penalty set them back five yards. On the following play, Sophomore Cornerback Chris Hartzell intercepted the Juniata pass on the 32-yard line giving the Mules the ball in fantastic field position.

After two consecutive first down runs by Myers and Dandridge, the latter for 20 yards, the Mules converted the interception into 6 points when Myers found Sophomore Tight End Steve Liparini in the end zone for a two yard touchdown pass capping the 32-yard drive. On the ensuing drive, Juniata threatened to enter Muhlenberg territory but mired when Floyd forced and recovered a fumble on Juniata's 45. However, a bad snap prevented the Mules from pushing its lead to 10.

Muhlenberg received the kick to begin the second half. On the shoulders of Montemurro and Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta, the Mules marched 78-yards into the end zone leaving the score at 14-0. The drive culminated with a 4-yard pass from Myers to Cresta for a touchdown, the 17th of Cresta's career. Cresta was a major offensive threat on the drive catching three passes for 31 yards on the drive.

After two personal foul penalties, Juniata was threatening on the Mule's 7. The Mules had 6 penalties on the day - totaling 56 yards. But on third-and-goal, Sophomore Safety Kevin Ryan intercepted the Juniata pass, his second interception for the day. Turnovers were the key to the game. The Mules surrendered two turnovers, an improvement over the average this season of three per-game, while forcing 6. Two of the turnovers were crucial: Ryan's interception in the red zone (took away a potential Eagles' touchdown) and Hartzell's interception (led to a Mules' touchdown).

Next Saturday, the Mules will take on McDaniel (3-2, 1-2) at home. McDaniel has an above average defense and should be a good matchup for the Mules.



Sophomore Kevin Ryan had his first two career interceptions against Juniata.

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Competition doubles for Cross Country

By JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

Although this is a big assumption to make, one could say that cross country runners are always faced with far more competition than members competing in most other sports. What is the reasoning behind this? In cross country, competition does not start and finish with trying to defeat an opposing team. Unlike with other team sports, cross country runners are always preparing themselves for two different competitions within one: the competition against their opponents and the competition against themselves.

The first competition, like with other sports, is against the opponents of the rival cross country team that they're competing against. Each varsity runner earns a certain amount of points for their team based on what place they finish in, and the team that earns the highest amount of points wins the meet. In the second individual competition, each individual cross country runner is faced with the challenge of beating their best race time. Each runner faces a different playing field in this regard because they each have a different time to beat and different expectations that they have set for themselves. Plus, some goals, depending on the runner's physical capabilities, training, and motivation, may be harder to attain than others.

At the Paul Short Run hosted at Lehigh, it was evident that Muhlenberg's cross country men and women runners were very focused on giving it their best in the competitions against themselves, as some of them achieved their own personal best

times. Four out of the seven varsity Mule men ran their best times. This includes Senior Patrick Thorton, Junior Bobby Torphy, and Sophomores Ryan Ganley and William Lowery. Trophy came in an outstanding sixth place out of 245 total runners, and Thorton came in 38th. Lowery had a huge race, considering that he beat his previous best time by over a minute after coming off an injury. Ganley was remarkably impressive as well. He said, "So far this season, I could not be happier. To beat my best time from last year by over two minutes after coming off an eight month injury is just a great feeling."

Six of the seven varsity Mule women runners improved on their times from the Lehigh Valley Championships, which were also held at Lehigh. Most noteworthy is Sophomore Melissa Ugelow, who lowered her time by 1:19 to come into 23rd place out of 248 total runners. She finished five places behind Junior Kate Mahoney, who placed 18th. Ugelow said, "I felt that this past meet was a big turn around for me." She explained, "In the past, when I raced, I wound up running a first mile that was way too fast for me and then my times would suffer because I would get a lot slower. This race, for the first mile, I stayed with Sophomore Kim Bier who has always who has always helped me pace during workouts. By running a good first mile, I was able to speed up at critical parts in the race, pass a lot of girls, and get a time that I am very proud of."

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The curtain closes forever on the Henry Awards



The original Henry, who was the symbol of the Henry Awards.

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By AMY BAUER
News Writer

The Henry Awards have been a traditional event at the College, honoring students, faculty, staff and organizations that have made significant contributions to the Muhlenberg community. While the awards used to be an event that students looked forward to, the event has more become highly debated and controver-

sial among the student body.

Students have had issues with almost every part of the event: the length of the show, the cost, the nominees, and it's extravagance. In an effort to respond to these concerns, the Student Government has worked over the past three years to examine the event and figure out what they could do to fix it. Despite their efforts, the awards have continued to draw negative criticism and have become less popular. Last year's awards in the Garden Room drew a much smaller crowd than in past years, displaying visible proof of the student body's attitude towards the event. The administration has also put a great deal of pressure on Student Government to spend less money on the event as well.

"We made the decision to cancel the Henry Awards in its present state as it seemed that this decision would be in the best interest of the Student Body," says Jordan Sones, Student Government Vice President and head of the Operations Committee, the committee that was behind the decision. In an effort to respond to the student body, Student Government is now more focused on legislation rather than events planning.

During the review process, the Assessment and Review Committee came to the decision that the Student Government should be a governing body, instead of a programming body. The Henry Awards, as a large-scale campus-wide event, no longer fell under the jurisdiction of the Student Government, and thus, the motion to dissolve the Henry Awards was passed.

While the Henry Awards as they were formally known have been cancelled. The Student Life Committee still has the freedom to plan a recognition event. If this event does occur, then it will be done so in accordance with financial rules. Council member Joe Armenti, who had previously been involved in the event said, "I'm sad to see the Henry's tradition fading and I hope it manifests itself in some other form. However, as a Government, we must to respond to student concerns and move away from event planning as a main aspect of Student Government."

This decision will most likely evoke mixed reactions from the student body. They were a tradition at the College for over ten years, and for many, were something entertaining and meaningful. Arie Cohen '10 says, "The Henry Awards are among my most sentimental experiences at Muhlenberg. I am distraught to see them go." However, since the awards have received so much criticism as of late, many members of the student body will probably be pleased with the council's decision.

When told about the decision to cancel the awards, Lindsay Hoffman '10 exclaimed, "I think it's a great idea to cancel the Henry Awards because it only celebrates a tiny part of the College campus. It's not bad to honor these people, but the extravagant lengths the council went to were unnecessary." While the Henry's tradition comes to an end this year, perhaps it will create the opportunity to begin some new traditions that celebrate those who give their time to enhance life at the College.

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Who wants to be on Reality TV?

Let's face it: we're surrounded by these new-age reality television "stars." Whether we love to watch them or passionately hate them, we cannot deny their overwhelming presence in our society. The instant stardom that comes with these everyday television shows has created a whole new breed of celebrity that virtually anyone bold enough to go on one of these shows can easily obtain. Especially recently, it seems like people are going above and beyond (no pun intended) to get themselves some of the spotlight.

The now infamous family of "balloon boy" pushed these limits with their controversial stunt, intentionally deceiving authorities by claiming that their son was trapped in an escaped hot air balloon. In the ensuing discussions and news coverage of the alleged travesty, it was revealed that not only was the boy safe and sound and the family lying, but they were doing it all in hopes to get their own reality tv show.

Well, congratulations to the balloon family, you have certainly managed to get your name out there. We cannot help but wonder why on earth (minus the instant, infamous stardom) someone would willingly submit themselves and their family to this reality television madness. After all of the trauma that has ensued recently with current family reality shows, it is hard not to see each new show as a kiss of death, especially for relationships. Jon and Kate Gosselin's extremely publicized divorce has left us fearing for their children, Nick and Jessica's Newlyweds left a destroyed relationship in its wake, and how many seasons of The Bachelor and The Bachelorette have actually ended in success, and stayed that way? Not very many.

With all of these looming disasters, it's a wonder that so many new reality shows just keep appearing. People are so invested in getting their five minutes of fame that they're often willing to sacrifice everything that gave them a show in the first place. Would Jon and Kate still be together if the cameras had not become such an important part of their lives? We guess we as viewers, and they as an ex-couple, will never know. As far as we're concerned, we've seen enough to stay far, far away from anyone with a videocamera.

It's a bird, it's a plane, no...it's balloon boy!

BY MELISSA DEL MAURO
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

Last week
thousands
of people

across the nation were riveted by the story overtaking national news stations, producing countless Twitter updates, and inundating the population's Facebook newsfeed. The story, featuring six-year-old Falcon Heene, aka "Balloon Boy," has been the topic of much conversation and debate over the past few days.

Thurs., Oct. 15, started out like any other Fall day. This ordinariness was shattered with the appearance of a very large, silver, mushroom-shaped craft flying through the air at top speeds. Before the report of the U.F.O. could begin to circulate, it was announced that the craft was an invention of known thrill-seeker, Richard Heene.

It was soon deduced that the Heene's youngest boy, Falcon, was actually in the aircraft spinning around at dizzying heights. The idea that a small child was flying through the sky in a homemade toy gripped the nation with panic and fear. People sat by their televisions waiting to hear the outcome of the fantastic story - whether it be unbelievably lucky or heart-wrenchingly tragic.

The realization that the young boy was stuck in the air, yielded many consequences including coordinated

rescue efforts, research into the boy's family, and the paralysis of neighboring airports.

Professional responders to the crisis were faced with the daunting task of reaching a boy who was thousands of feet in the air, and the possibility that the craft could come crashing to the ground at any second.

Newscasters had the dilemma of whether or not to show footage of the flight. They could give the nation what it wanted to see, but at what risk?

Most stations had a ten-second video feed delay for fear of unknowingly projecting a young boy's death for the world to see. Airports shut down, and flights were delayed for hundreds, since no one could predict the erratic flight

*The aircraft
finally made its
rapid descent...*

patterns of the craft, and no one wanted to jeopardize the life of poor Falcon Heene.

As many looked up in the sky for answers, others found their time more profitable by going to the Internet.

They were rewarded by the discovery that the Heene's were no strangers to television, having made their family debut on ABC's reality show Wife Swap months before. Not only that, but it was soon purported that the Heene's were angling for a show of their own - that of a storm-chasing clan bent on finding the ultimate thrill.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue, unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race where that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat."-John Milton, 1644

From The Weekly 15 October 2009: "I made the mistake during my film history class of mentioning I enjoyed the movie 'The Birth of a Nation' and the parts of the film involving Southern pride ... That's a no-no. The professor came up to me the next class and politely explained that she had received multiple complaints about my comments and that my 'racism made others feel uncomfortable.' I was baffled. Were these people saying this because I said I enjoy the movie, or because I was a Southerner saying I enjoyed the movie? The rumor is spreading through school that I am 'that racist Jeremy kid' - from 'To be Southern at Muhlenberg' by Jeremy Schwartzman.

Everyone who cares about the intellectual climate at the College needs to consider Mr. Schwartzman's article carefully. Mr. Schwartzman commendably proved himself a true Southern gentleman by generously refraining from castigating members of the campus community for exhibiting so blithely such callow intolerance (the title of D.W. Griffith's other great epic). As a community, we ought to follow Mr. Schwartzman's lead and ask ourselves whether Mr. Schwartzman's experience may be symptomatic of a widespread tendency, of an epidemic threat to our very institutional soul. His account of how insidiously hegemony-enforcement, in the form of velvet-glove censorship by consensus - operates across campus needs to be treated as a rousing wake-up call and, as the faculty considers what kind of curriculum the new century calls for, as an illustration of the stark choice we face:

Choice One -The ideal liberal arts college:

At such an institution, fellow students would have engaged Mr. Schwartzman directly, candidly, articulately, with the courage of their convictions. Class members would have been obliged to clarify what they mean when they call a fellow student "racist." Mr. Schwartzman's assumptions and those of his classmates would have been subjected

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upset for his family that they should lose a son in such a highly publicized way but still questioned the veracity of the entire ordeal. Once the truth came out, I, like many, was angry at the charade.

For the Heene parents to exploit their children to gain media attention is despicable and horrendous, and at first I believed that they undoubtedly deserved

the charges and incarcerations to follow. While still believing that justice must be served, I feel that there is more to this entire fiasco, than just one set of parents in serious need of psychotherapy.

It is clear that this was a publicity stunt, but instead of purely condemning the Heene's for desiring fame and fortune, we must look the nation's role in perpetuating this story (and others like it). Look at the way our nation grabbed at this story, getting the news out in every possible outlet. Or, investigate our obsession with the Jon and Kate saga.

"Balloon Boy" is just the latest in the new trend of private affairs made public for the world to see. Even though the US has had its share of problems, it is a sad day for this nation when a flying spaceship receives more attention than a war in the Middle East.

After a couple of hours, the aircraft finally made its rapid descent to earth with the startling realization that Falcon was no where to be found. The story seemed to be taking a turn for the tragic, when all of a sudden out popped the six-year-old boy from a box in the garage attic, confused as to what all the commotion was about.

A nation that was so intent on the boy's survival, was soon beginning to ask themselves whether they had just been duped or not? The fact that a family looking for a TV deal just happens to lose their six-year-old son, believing him to be the pilot of a runaway spacecraft, is a little too far-fetched for most to believe as pure innocence.

No one seemed ready to fess up until Falcon's television appearance on CNN's Larry King Live, where he responded by telling his father and the rest of the world, "You guys said we did this for the show," when asked why he didn't come out of hiding. This seemed to solidify in the minds of the masses that the story had indeed been a hoax of magnificent proportions.

I, like countless others on Thurs., was affected by this intriguing story. I was

Closer is not always better



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inmates at Guantanamo Bay? President Obama made his position clear when he campaigned on the promise to close the detention facility by the end of his first term. Obama got the ball rolling on Jan. 22, 2009, when he signed an executive order that stated his intention to shut the facility down within one year. As a result of this decision, the several hundred terror suspects would have to be brought into the US or sent abroad. This was a major step in the wrong direction.

The first concern that needs to be raised is over the planning and preparation for the shutdown. It was quite unnerving to hear the President take such a valiant stand against Guantanamo Bay, while at the same time not having a solid set of answers and plans. When dealing with such a volatile group of criminals, being hasty and bold by setting a one year deadline could backfire.

But if that is what is destined to happen, so be it. Let's ship the lot of them across into our borders, but the President and his Democratic allies should not be surprised if Americans refuse to hang a "welcome" banner and embrace the terrorists with open arms.

Ever since that official move by Obama, there have been members of Congress from both sides of the aisle that have expressed considerable alarm. Who in their right mind would be at ease knowing there are clusters of terrorists sitting in American prisons? Despite this issue, many critics of the detention center staunchly believe setting an example

by trying terrorists in a civilian court system will ameliorate the problem. Hey, we can even make some friends in the international community! Yes, if we can play nice and make a good impression with the European West, it will all go away.

The thought of successfully ushering these terror suspects through our civilian legal system is nothing more than a dream. It is even more farfetched to think that exposing terrorists to American legal rights will make the killing end. Take a look at the case involving the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Ramzi Yousef was tried and convicted here in the US and is serving a life sentence in high-security prison in Colorado. I'm sorry to say that there were quite a few terror attacks that followed. The 1998 attacks on two of our embassies in Africa and the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 should ring a bell. So, treating terrorism as a criminal matter instead of a military matter resulted in more destruction and led to thousands of American deaths.

Former US Attorney General, Michael Mukasey, has stated that one of the largest problems that will arise if terrorists are allowed to stand for trial in the US is internal security. The point Mr. Mukasey is driving at is that our civilian legal system is not prepared to handle cases of international terrorism. Keep in mind that these suspects will attract extremists. Like minded individuals will

surely come out to cause a disruption. The courthouses, prisons, jurors, judges, and attorneys will all need high levels of security. Mukasey also notes that trials concerning terrorism often include evidence and testimony that are classified due to national security reasons. The last thing we need is to do is rattle off the strategies and tools employed for combating terrorism. The enemies of America would be watching and listening intently.

Remember, trials here in the US are open and easily accessible. Could you imagine terrorists as defendants in here in America? They would use the news coverage, cameras, public records, and the audience as a stage to spew their hate, rhetoric, and radical ideology. Providing terrorists an open forum will only incite violence and will most certainly bring the fight against extremism closer to the American homeland. Both homegrown terrorists and outsiders will become motivated and enraged at the sight of a trial, and will pose security risks here.

Let's say we get through the trial phase without incident (that would be ideal, but unrealistic). The next stage is incarceration. This becomes a major issue when dealing with terrorists because introducing them into a general inmate population will lead to a radicalization of that prison population. It is quite scary, but an exact example of this conversion to terrorism came up in the news about one month ago. In

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Trial by media

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
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Last Thursday, most of the United States waited with the utmost concern about the welfare of a little boy in a runaway balloon somewhere over Colorado. As I

sat through my Civil Rights class late Thursday, I had no idea what was happening. But, I soon learned of the incident when my professor felt the need to stop the class to inform us of what was happening. This sort of incident seems to happen at least once a year.

After the boy was found in the attic, allegations have been made that the entire incident was not out of control, but was in fact a well planned manipulation of the American public by the father, Richard Heene. The media is already referring to the incident as the "Balloon Boy Hoax." However, no trial has taken place. It isn't clear when the media was first used as a courtroom, but it is extremely clear that in our present society that is the case.

There are countless shows that debate today's most popular issues (there is even an entire station, "Court TV," that is strictly concerned with trials). On these shows people who aren't experts in law, and some who are, attempt to grapple with a crime that has been committed and broadcast their opinion on the case. Saturday night, on CNN, an "expert" on the subject pronounced her *opinion* that Mr. Heene was guilty because of his exhalation after his son's puzzling words, "You guys said we did this for the show." She said that his reaction was a similar reaction to that of a criminal who has realized that he has been caught. But none of this has happened in a courtroom. It seems that the American public has already condemned the family before they have been able to be confronted with evidence in a protective environment. There are very limited constraints on the media so it is troubling that so much can be decided in this setting. The Heenes were not read their rights before this interview; so, Falcon's slip is most likely inadmissible in court, but this is the main piece of evidence in the media trial.

If this case goes to trial, how can the jurors who watch the news be impartial? It is hard to imagine that anybody can escape the umbrella of the media, so it is very likely that any person selected for jury duty already knows the opinions of others, which will inevitably and unfairly shape their own opinion. When the accused views himself being destroyed in the media, he will inevitably feel the need to defend himself. But, popular opinion is already against him so the environment is clearly hostile and not protective of his rights.

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My heart beats true

BY LAUREN BERNTON
OP/ED WRITER

I had never seen the stereotypes of being an American through another's eyes so palpably as I did that moment in Poland. My oversized Jansport was full with bottled water, sunscreen, numerous maps, and a T-shirt I had just bought from a vendor down the street. My baseball cap was tight around my head and sweat kept causing my sunglasses to slip down the bridge of my nose. I grabbed my Fodor's travel guide, hopped off the bus, and immediately saw him walking towards me. He slowed as he neared. His coat was covered in dirt and his hair looked as though it had never touched a comb. Everything about him looked like a beggar. The way he looked at me—eyes lifted, head tilted—everything. He reached his hand forward, I thought he was asking for money. He was in my face before the coin was fully out of my pocket. I couldn't move. My glasses slipped down my nose; his sweaty face right in mine, our eyes set unfalteringly in one another's. He was only reaching to stop the bus. I can still see his bearded lips moving and hear his broken and unexpectedly stern English sweeping past me.

"American?" he said rhetorically as he placed a dirty index finger to the shoulder of my Coca-Cola T-shirt. "Get out from my face," he said with scowl. I guess that's how he experiences Americans—the rude in-your-face condescension that doesn't give a damn

about the world's problems. My exterior lent him an understanding of me separate from how I internally identified. And the tension I felt between those two conceptions caused me to think. I watched the man as he boarded the bus and thought to myself: Not that long ago the roles could have been reversed, and my ancestors could have been the ones mistaken for homeless. At what point after emigration does one truly become an American, and what does this term really mean? What does it mean for me?

As a kid, patriotism is a flash of red, white, and blue, or a quickly conjured image of hot dogs at summer camp. The nostalgic memory of feeling totally safe; the grass tickling my legs as I watch the night sky boom with light from fireworks. I love my country because I was born into it. As I got older and learned our history, learned that being American is about more than grandeur and gunpowder, I wrestled with what it means to be an American. Our history isn't close to perfect. From murdering Native Americans, to slavery, and Japanese internment camps, our history contains a myriad of mistakes and things we could be doing better on an everyday basis. I learned about all these things and many more; the chosen images on CNN challenge me daily. The Polish man points his finger, people laugh at our president, and our citizen's glances meet our troops with sympathy and remorse instead of pride and determination. All of this, and I still love America.

I'm proud of our heritage and believe in the moral character of our people. At our core we are a culture of life. We seek to promote it, aim to enhance it, and value it for everything it entails. And it's no easy task these days. The culture of death is all around us, and on Sept. 11, 2001, it made its presence known. Six years later, Ahmadinejad waves his hand and speaks of the destruction of our country and culture with explicit promises that parallel those of Hitler to the Jews. Our way of warfare has struggled to keep up with the newly developed one that has no boundaries—that of suicide attacks and terrorism. No, it's not an easy time to choose life, but Americans do it everyday. Overall, our country has contributed and continues to contribute vastly more to the world than it has taken. We may make mistakes, and we may get lost in our quest to promote human freedom, but at the end of the day that's where we're headed. While it is impossible to conceptualize our current America apart from its sometimes embarrassing history, I have not lost faith in the moral character of our people. A country is not only a sum of its successes and failures; what defines a country constantly changes as do its peoples' goals beliefs and ideals. I believe, I want to believe, that as a nation we have a genuine interest to move, and are moving in the right direction. It for this reason that I can acknowledge the Polish index finger pointed at me, but at the same time wear proudly my Coca Cola T-shirt.

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2007, Michael Finton, a US citizen had been serving a prison sentence for robbery and battery. While in prison, Finton converted to Islam and underwent a radicalization process and began calling himself "Talib Islam," or student of Islam. On Sept. 24, 2009, the FBI arrested Finton after he attempted to bomb the Paul Findley Federal Building and the office of Rep. Aaron Shock in Springfield, Illinois. He went through quite a serious change of heart while in prison. Prison populations are constantly changing, coming in and going out. A mere handful of terrorists could be molding proteges and releasing dozens of new terrorists into the streets of American cities.

One of the battlecries that supporters of closing Guantanamo Bay adhere to is that of human rights. They, along with Obama, are losing sleep over the depravation of rights of those being held in Guantanamo Bay. Their solution to this is to transfer all of the prisoners here and give them the due process that they are entitled to. A problem that arises in this logic is the fact that the combatants the US has been holding are not guaranteed any rights or protections.

They lack a legal standing under US and international law. Under international law, particularly the Geneva Convention, terror suspects that the US holds do not fight for a country, do not wear a specific armed forces uniform, do not have a recognized insignia, do not fight under the command of official officers, and are therefore not granted prisoner of war status. This is appropriate considering the fact that terrorists do not abide by the conduct of soldiers. The act of granting them any rights would be pointless. What would it serve? Don't be fooled by the notion that captured terrorists are seeking an equal footing in the American legal system. In the eyes of these combatants, trials in the US are nothing more than an opportunity to make a statement and possibly get off the hook. Also, the detainees refused to offer any form of rights to the civilians the intentionally targeted.

Perhaps the most reasonable way to handle several hundred terrorists is to seclude them in a secure military installation that is also equipped to conduct military commissions.

Going through the typical legal processes will not work and is not fitting of the crimes these prisoners are being charged with. A US military commission offers just about the same rights as the United Nations does in its war crimes tribunals. Terrorists ought to be tried as violators of the rules of war. Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and dozens of high ranking Nazis were tried in military tribunals, are international terrorists any different? This is a matter for the military penal system.

I have a feeling the American public has developed this preconceived, horrific image of our base in Guantanamo Bay, which has led to this urgent need to shut the facility down. I would urge everybody to block out the rhetoric and take a close look at the operation down in Guantanamo. It is nothing like a Nazi concentration camp, a Soviet gulag, or an Iraqi prison. This detention facility serves a useful purpose and has aided in protecting the United States.

One rule of thumb the US government should stick to when dealing with this issue, terrorists mean business. The thought of conducting criminal trials for terrorists turned out to be nothing more than wishful thinking during the Clinton presidency. After 9/11, our policy makers woke up and decided to put a new strategy into action. The old way failed, while the new one worked. The US must keep fighting the good fight. Bringing terrorists closer to the US or even into the US is unwise. The farther away, the better.

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even after a defendant has been pronounced innocent in a legal trial. This has been evident in the outrage after the OJ Simpson and Rodney King cases. While outrage at the lack of conviction in these cases was understandable, the environment that this creates is not conducive to justice. The mobs that tore apart Los Angeles may be seen as justified, but riots clearly aren't a desirable outcome. How can a juror enact what *he* believes to be justice when he has already been prepped by the media to view the trial in a certain way, while he is also afraid of the reprisal from the angry mob that the media will stir up if he does not follow the conviction that public opinion believes is warranted?

Freedom of the press is a sensitive issue in the United States. Repression of the press' coverage of trials may be scary proposition. The secrecy and apparent corruption in the "Star Chambers" of Eighteenth Century England had a clear effect on the present transparency of the justice system. It is clearly ideal for the American public to have the ability to keep an eye on the courts in order to make sure that justice is being enacted, but this lack of transparency before the trial is doing more harm than good. I am not suggesting that trials should be closed events, but that the details of a trial should be released after and not before examination in the courtroom in order to form a more perfect justice system.

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to rigorous interrogation. Students might have reconsidered some of the received ideas they brought from home and had an opportunity to enter the century-old, ever-roiling controversy about art and politics that "Birth of Nation" sparked.

Choice Two - The sterile cloister:

We protect "comfort zones" and fear controversy as if it were as lethal as H1N1. (At a thriving liberal-arts college, students and faculty who seek comfort nap! Bed is the only "comfort zone" allowed.) First-year students quickly discover that the College has a campus-wide "no-no" list of banned ideas and of inappropriate thoughts. Infantilized students come to treat professors as speech disciplinarians charged with defending their "comfort" above all and end up confusing college-level intellectual discourse with squealing on fellow students behind their backs. Such confusion extends to the so-called "real world," as students come to confound smug self-congratulation and "ratting out" a peer with actually fighting racism. In the process we end up lending aid and comfort-providing additional evidence - to right-wing demagogues intent on caricaturing the ideals that ought to make academe an ideological level playing field - an honest broker of ideas (amidst so many dishonest brokers).

Worst of all, despite all this tattling and backbiting, racism remains as virulent and ubiquitous as ever.

So the question Mr. Schwartzman's experience poses for all of us is: Can we afford or allow the paternalist, anti-intellectual comfort-seeking he describes to become a campus norm?

Sincerely,
Dr. James D. Bloom
Professor of English & American Studies

Seegers steel goes up

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

Mon., Oct. 5 marked an important change in the construction of the Seegers Union expansion: the groundwork was finished and the steel beams began to be put into place. These beams act as the skeleton for the entire structure of the building. All that remains of the groundwork is the site grading and the leftovers of the underground utilities. So far, 70% of the steel beams have been erected.

Starting this week steel decks will be formed. When the concrete is added, the basics of the building's floors will have been completed. Students interested in finding out more about how the building is being constructed can check out the school website. The "Construction 101" videos will be added to the website in two weeks. There, students will receive in depth explanations of the construction process.

Many students have inquired into the "ticket window" that faces the freshman quad. This structure is what is technically known as a "Mock-Up". The Mock-Up is an actual piece of the building. It includes a window so that every aspect of the building can be represented. The Mock-Up allows the construction crew and the architects to verify that what works on the small scale can be applied to the large. When the building is finished, the Mock-Up will be removed.

In future construction news, the Topping Off Ceremony is quickly approaching. A topping off ceremony is a tradition within the construction industry that marks the moment when the highest structural point in the building construction has been attained.

On Oct. 30th, at 1:30 pm the final piece of steel will be raised. The President and the Board of Trustees will be present. The entire College community is invited to partake in the event.

The tradition originated around 700 A.D. with the Scandinavians. It is believed that it was brought to America by immigrant Norwegian ironworkers during the late 1800s. A small pine tree, a tribute to the grain originally used, typically adorns the final beam and has the dual significance of honoring the safe completion of the outer frame and representing good fortune to future inhabitants of the building.

Over time, American construction workers have added new traditions to the ancient ceremony. Now, in addition to the small pine tree, an American flag is proudly placed on the beam, as well. The "topping off" honors the workers on the job for their diligence and dedication in reaching the important

project milestone of completing the outer frame of the building. Usually, the honor is personalized by having all workers sign the beam before it is raised and secured in place.

In the case of the Seegers construction, the students will have a chance to sign the beam. A week before the Topping Off Ceremony, the final steel beam will be placed in Parents Plaza. The beam will be painted white and markers will be provided.

Students are invited to sign their names on the beam, but long messages are discouraged. The hope is that there will be room for the entire campus to sign their names.

*"... the final beam will be
placed in Parents Plaza..."*

*Students are invited to sign
their name to the beam..."*



Inside the Seegers construction site, as seen from the roof of the current Seegers Union building.

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW PEARSON

Marcia Morgan's philosophy

BY JEN ARNER
NEWS WRITER

Marcia Morgan is a new visiting Assistant Philosophy Professor at the

College.

She received her Ph.D. in Philosophy from the New School for Social Research in New York City. There, she completed her dissertation on the link between the philosophic works of Theodor W. Adorno and Søren Kierkegaard, with a special focus on the aesthetic-religious nexus in the writings of both figures.

Prof. Morgan completed her writings under the supervision of Agnes Heller in New York and Albrecht Wellmer in Berlin, Germany. After her dissertation, she lived in Germany for several years and became fluent in German, which she is always excited to utilize.

Currently, Prof. Morgan's position is to teach in her areas of specialization, which are namely aesthetics and 19th to 20th century continental philosophy. In addition to the courses she currently offers, she expressed an interest in offering an additional course in Jewish philosophy.

She has worked intensively on studying the Frankfurt School philosophers, most empathically Adorno, Block, and Benjamin, as well as focused on many post-

World War II German-Jewish themes in her special area of aesthetics.

Previously, she has taught courses on the works of Luce Irigaray, Julia Kristeva, Martha Nussbaum, and others, and would also very much enjoy teaching a course on feminist philosophy in conjunction with the Women's Studies concentration.

Prior to Muhlenberg, Prof. Morgan has taught at Bryn Mawr College, Eugene Lang College of the New School for Social Research, among other universities, and at Potsdam University in Germany.

In addition, on two occasions she has been a guest research fellow at the Institute for Philosophy of the Technical University of Dresden in Germany and on two more occasions at the Kierkegaard Library at St. Olaf College, including an upcoming period this January.

Although she is new to the College, Prof. Morgan is not entirely new to the area as she was born in Pottsville, PA. She currently lives in Hawk Mountain, where she can frequently be found hiking, jogging and biking on the wooded trails near her home. She shares this time with her five year-old twin sons, who she proudly boasts are her "little giants," as they are very athletic

and in the 98th percentile for height for their age group.

She adds that she enjoys spending other quality time with her boys, as her German Stammtisch every Sunday Prof. Morgan at their home. This includes cooking German foods, reading German children's books and playing games in German to help her remain fluency in the language and to teach her closest friends and neighbors about their German heritage.

When she is not teaching or exploring the outdoors with her family, Morgan's other hobbies include music, playing the piano and cooking. She notes that she actually incorporates her love for music in her studies as she focuses on the philosophy of music in her work.

Moreover, in regards to her passion for cooking, Morgan actually considered becoming a professional chef as she had been raised in the food business. She mentioned that most of her family is in the food industry, producing cookbooks and running restaurants, and although she very much enjoys using her talents, her friends and family encouraged her to stay in academia.

The Weekly, along with the staff, students and administrators of the College wish to extend a warm welcome to Prof. Morgan in what is sure to be an exciting and successful year!

TKE house to become studio space

By KRISTIN LAPOS
NEWS WRITER

The long since abandoned TKE house will finally be fully converted into a new "Rehearsal House" for the Department of Theatre & Dance and the Department of Music. If all goes to plan, this will be accomplished by the end of the academic year. The two-story house is hidden behind tall trees and shrubbery near the Village and currently accessible only by a dangerously sloping sidewalk. The TKE residence is already in the process of a massive construction project that will add 10,000 square feet to the College's facility space.

According to Dave Rabold, the College's Capital Projects Manager, the former TKE chapter sold the house to the College after a violation of the campus' behavior code lead to the chapter's eviction in 2003. The house today looks completely derelict, with mud, leaves, rust, and broken lights evident on its exterior. However, Rabold pointed out that the College has not let it fall into disrepair. "They knew they wanted to do something with it at the time," he said, "but until they figured out what, they did take care of it. A new roof and new gutters were added on a few years ago to keep water out."

Then, in 2007, the College contacted Spillman Farmer Architects, the firm that handled the design for the Life Sports Center and Walson Hall, to commission a campus space study. The Center for the Arts clearly lacked adequate rehearsal and office space, but the College did not yet have the money or resources for a major building expansion. The empty TKE house offered an easier way to increase the space for the two departments.

The dangerous sidewalk will be completely torn out and redesigned to make travel to and from the Rehearsal House easy and safe. The expansion of the building will require a major overhaul of the entire building in order to meet current building codes, including expanding the front entrance and stairwells, and raising some of the ceilings. The front entrance will open onto a landing with an elevator. Upstairs, the Department of Theatre & Dance will get 4,000 square feet for offices and two new state-of-the-art rehearsal studios. The bigger of the two studios will mimic the TV studio's high ceilings, and will come equipped with adjustable joist lighting structures that allow students to practice setting different kinds of lighting for scenes. It will also come with the now-standard "tech wall." The smaller studio will have lower ceilings, but both studios will have harlequin "sprung" floors that are standard in most dance and performance studios.

According to Prof. Jim Peck, the chair of the Department of Theatre & Dance, the new facility will ease some of the space problems in the Center for the Arts and Trexler Pavilion. The new Rehearsal House, specifically the smaller studio, will "provide space for coaching sessions between professors and small groups of students outside of regular class time," he explained. "Right now, we do a lot of one-on-one coaching but we don't have a proper space for it, so [we] end up meeting with students in lobbies, stairwells, etc. This studio provides us with a place to provide that individualized

office space. They will now have a proper office to prepare their classes, meet with students, or otherwise do their work," Peck explained.

The new Rehearsal House, however, will be more than just a work space. It will feature a spacious lobby on each floor and seating space around the studio entrances for students to come to study or just hang out. The most surprising new feature will be a circular outdoor amphitheater cut into the front hillside in front of the house, equipped with outdoor lighting for staging performances. The seats will also provide an area for

students to come to relax on nice days.

This relaxation element was one of the major themes Rabold and the College emphasized to Russ Paccala, the architect from Spillman Farmer, who drew up the design. The original design was "a little too cozy," according to Rabold. "We told the architect to make it comfortable, but not like my living room. We wanted it to feel like a game room with a little zest, somewhere where creative things could happen. Ultimately, we wanted something with spark and energy."

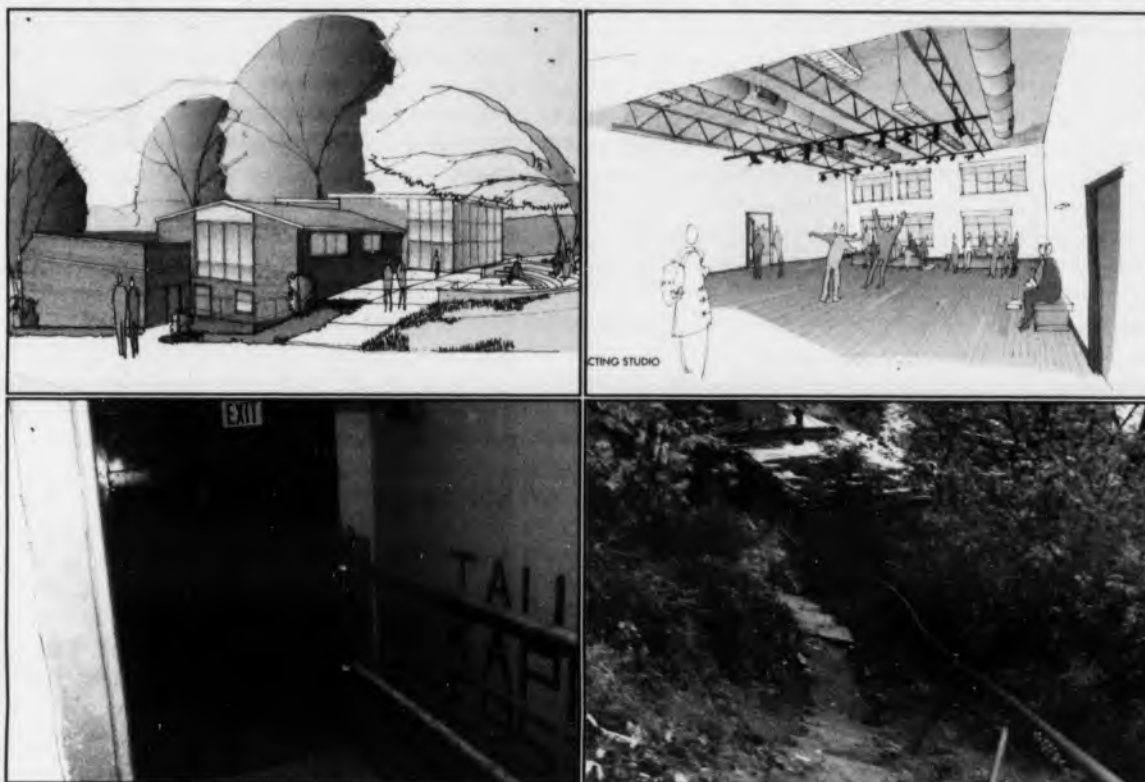
Since Spillman Farmer had designed Walson Hall and the Life Sports Center, Rabold told them to consult those designs for the

right kind of feel. Both buildings' high and exposed metal ceilings fit the ideas that the College had for the space, and the architect incorporated them into the plans.

The project is already underway. The entire house has been gutted with all the internal walls removed and the drywall stripped. On the floors upstairs, one can still see the outlines of the former TKE brothers' very tiny bedrooms, and elaborate and colorful TKE murals remain, for now, on the walls. A small fireplace is the only sign of a former dining room, now slated for office space.

However, within a matter of months, the entire space will be converted into the striking space that appears in the architect's drawings. Peck explained the Theatre and Dance Department's excitement about the project: "The architects have done a fantastic job of converting the former TKE house into a top notch performing arts classroom and rehearsal facility. They have designed a striking and functional building." Rabold agreed.

"We're really going to take an eyesore and turn it into a very neat space," he said.



The future TKE house (top), the current entrance (left), and the current sidewalk (right)

PHOTOS BY KRISTIN LAPOS

instruction."

Rabold agreed, adding, "I often hear students practicing in the halls of the Center for the Arts. There's clearly not enough space in the facility." The second floor will also feature a rooftop deck for outdoor practice, performance, and leisure space, adding further to the department's space.

Downstairs, the Music Department will get 6,000 square feet for offices, a new performance studio, and a new Electronic Music Studio. According to Rabold, an acoustical engineer studied the building and prepared a detailed report on ways to optimize acoustics in the new studio, resulting in a large room with precise angles and niches. "The intention is to acoustically isolate every room," Rabold explained. The new Electronic Music Studio will greatly expand on the current facility in the Center for the Arts.

Both floors will also feature office space, allowing professors who normally lack office space to have a home of their own on campus. "Right now we have several full time faculty in Theatre or Dance without adequate

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A Mule in Washington

BY JEREMY GOLDBERG
NEWS WRITER

If you're a junior or senior looking to get away from campus but don't want the expenses of going out of the country or distance, consider studying in Washington D.C. for a semester. Mollie Lieblich '11 is currently participating in the Lutheran College Washington Semester (LCWS). The program helps place students at internships in their field of interest, provides night classes, and a weekly field trip. Mollie describes her experience as eye opening and is very involved with her extra curricular internship.

On a typical day, Mollie has a 20 minute commute to work. She is having a positive experience in her daily internship duties. Mollie says "my experience has been exhilarating, I actively learn and stay informed about current world affairs." With the ongoing debate over healthcare and the escalating controversy over Iran's covert nuclear program it is an interesting time to be in the nation's capital.

Part of the LCWS program is to attend a congressional hearing, a protest, and do some community service. She attended a Senate Banking Committee hearing entitled "Minimizing Potential Threats from Iran: Administration Perspectives on Economic Sanctions and Other US Policy Options." The hearing was about how the Senate will consider enforcing tough economic sanctions on Iran and will punish corporations that invest in Iran's energy sector.

Mollie feels that her internship experience will help her stand out in the competitive job market when she graduates. In addition to the internship, the program has offered many things which she finds beneficial. She lives at the River Place Apartments in Rosslyn, Virginia, which has a lot to offer.

The LCWS office and classrooms are located on the premises, which is very convenient. Mollie is taking two classes: American Diversity, and Conflict and Compromise. She said, "my American Diversity class gives us a chance to talk about our backgrounds and how diverse we are from one another. My experiences in DC has also given me the opportunity to make friends outside of Muhlenberg."

About 20 other schools around the country participate in the program. Her roommates are from Montana and Western Pennsylvania, areas in the US she has never been to. Other students in the program are from North Dakota, Virginia, California, and Illinois.

Her penthouse is a five minute walk from the Metro subway system and from the awe-inspiring Iwo Jima Memorial, which commemorates the six soldiers who put the flag up at Iwo Jima, Japan during World War II. She is also walking distance from many nice restaurants and Georgetown, which has many shops and attractions for DC college students. Rosslyn is also one metro stop away from the George Wash-

ington campus, where she feels she could go to when she wants to be in a college environment. Mollie likes the fact that Muhlenberg is only a three hour drive away so she can go back to visit her friends.

The LCWS program includes a field trip every Wednesday. So far, Mollie has taken a bus tour around DC, going to all of the famous memorials and monuments in the downtown DC area. She saw the play, *700 Sundays*, starring Billy Crystal, at the National Theater. She then went to N-Street Village, which is a women's shelter that houses battered and displaced elderly women. She has also gone to the Newseum, Pentagon, and the Capital. Mollie loves the fact that Washington, D.C. contains so many historical sites.



Muhlenberg students in Washington, D.C.

PHOTO BY JEREMY GOLDBERG

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So far her favorite place is in Alexandria, Virginia, where she walked around an area called "old-town Alexandria." Old Town Alexandria still preserves many of its historic buildings from the Colonial Era, and where the founding fathers, such as Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, came to socialize. Mollie toured George Washington's mansion, Mount Vernon, which is also located in that part of Virginia. She loved seeing where Washington lived and enjoyed the mansion's beautiful view overlooking the Potomac River.

Mollie feels that the program has allowed her to develop her independence in a nice group setting. She commutes to her internship during the day on her own, but is also required to attend field trips and take two classes. She is comforted that the program has provided her with a small and intimate community, but at the same time she could go out on her own in the city and explore. Upon reflecting on her time here in DC she said "I have had such a positive experience so far, I would encourage others to take advantage of this program that offers so many opportunities."

Weekend Weather

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 12 – Found Property – In Ettinger, third floor, a reporting party had a wallet turned in to her. Attempts were made to notify the owner. The wallet was returned.

Oct. 12 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet. It was unknown where the wallet was lost.

Oct. 13 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – On Liberty St., there was a report of damage to a gate. There are no suspects at this time. The total to repair the gate was \$145.

Oct. 13 – Suspicious Person – Off campus, an officer received information from a neighbor about a suspicious person in the surrounding neighborhood looking in windows of houses in the area of 24th and Liberty St. The suspect is described as a white male, between 30 and 40 years old, balding, thin build, and over six feet tall walking a small dog on a retractable leash. If you see anyone actively participating in this activity, please call Campus Safety or the Allentown Police Department immediately.

Oct. 13 – Found Property – At 2206 Chew St., there was a report of a found car key. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 13 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet. It was possibly lost in the area around the Chapel.

Oct. 13 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 14 – Assist Handicapped – On N. Leh St., there was a report of an elderly neighbor that fell. Allentown EMS was called to respond.

Oct. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 15 – Larceny/Theft – At Alpha Chi Omega (Millerheim House), there was a report of theft of two couches and one table from the porch area. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 15 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a found set of keys. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 15 – Sick Student – In Moyer, basement, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center responded to the scene and transported the student back to the Health Center.

Oct. 15 – Lost Property – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet. It was possibly lost outside Robertson Hall or inside the building.

Oct. 15 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 16 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On Liberty St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. A GPS was stolen. Plant Operations were notified and will clean up the broken glass. Students are reminded to keep items out of plain view in their vehicles.

Oct. 16 – Found Property – On the front drive, there was a report of a found ID. The item was brought to Campus Safety. An email was sent to the owner to pick it up.

Oct. 16 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of drug possession. The items were confiscated and placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2251 Turner St, building #5, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 16 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone. It was possibly lost in or around the Center of the Arts.

Oct. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from the smoke detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 16 – Suspicious Person – In Ettinger, first floor, there was a report of a person viewing inappropriate material on the computer. Upon arrival, the suspect was gone.

Oct. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several open containers and unopened containers were brought to the office and put in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 17 – Injured Student – In East Hall, block B, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused transport to the hospital.

Oct. 17 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 17 – Noise Complaint – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was issued and referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 18 – Sick Student – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 18 – Injured Student – In East Hall, block B, first floor, a student called to report an injury. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 18 – Harassment – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an argument. An officer spoke with both parties and both parties spoke with each other. The issue was resolved.



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Life!

"Life is a long lesson in humility."

- James M. Barrie

Faculty Feud brings together College community

BY DEBORAH WARD
LIFE WRITER

On Fri. Oct. 16, members from all areas of the College's community entered the Great Room to discover if faculty members could think like students

in Faculty Feud, a take-off of the classic TV show *Family Feud*.

Aaron Bova's strategy that, "It's either Facebook or masturbation," unfortunately did not help his team, The Class Acts, win. Bova, along with Drs. Kovats-Bernat, Pooley and McEwan, fell in the championship round to Dean Green's team, The Swines.

Making their entrance wearing medical facemasks, The Swines, Dean Green, Brenda Lakis of Campus Safety, and Deb Varney and Kelly Powell from the Health Center did not let fear of "Here Comes The Swine Flu" stop them from stealing multiple questions to shut down the three other opposing teams.

Winning a nice plaque, gift basket and, most importantly, bragging rights, The Swines showed they were able to tap into the collective Muhlenberg psyche and answer extremely difficult questions such as, "What do students do on the lawn on a nice day?" (Apparently we study) and "What do you see at a football game?" (Hint: touchdowns was not an answer).

Faculty Feud was put on as a fundraiser for MCEMS. "A lot of hard work went into the event and it was a huge success! We had a great turn out and the faculty enjoyed themselves," said Christine DeBenedictis, '10, one of the main coordinators.

Besides raising money for their organization, one of the goals of Faculty Feud was to bring Muhlenberg staff, professors, and students together for a fun activity. "We worked hard to involve professors and faculty from all departments on campus and in the end I think many of them were surprised how much they enjoyed the event," DeBenedictis said of the event.

The audience was certainly entertained by the good-natured jabs and jokes faculty members made at the expense of their colleagues. Plus, it was fun for the students to know the right answers and watch their professors struggle for a change. DeBenedictis said, "This is definitely something that we look forward to doing in the future!"

The teams that did not make it into the final round were the Improbable Beakers, which consisted of Drs. Meier, Keane, Sprayberry; and Huber and the Cognitive Dissidents, which consisted of Drs. Rudski, Mello, and Gruen with special guest, Dr. Rudski's son.



The Class Acts (left) and the Swines (right) are in deep thought during the championship round.

PHOTO BY DEBORAH WARD

Get ready - "Bat Boy: The Musical" opens tomorrow

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

"In a cave many miles to the south, lived a boy born with fangs in his mouth," begins the first musical number in *Bat Boy: The Musical*, which runs Oct. 23 through Nov. 1, in the Baker Theatre, just in time for Halloween.

When a strange creature is discovered in a cave by local teenagers, the whole town wonders what they have uncovered. Is it a monster? A freak? No, it's Bat Boy; a creature that is half-bat, half-boy.

Thinking he is a menace, the town decides to lock Bat Boy in a cage and hand him over to the town veterinarian and his family, the Parkers. They are astonished when the Parkers accept the "atrocious" into their family. They instruct him on how to dress, talk, and behave. Bat Boy eventually longs to be accepted as a member of society. He desires to be accepted as an equal, to have someone shake his hand. At first he

seems to get his wish, but then a series of mysterious murders, dead cows, and a lot of blood leave him as a suspect. The town rises against him.

A story of love, acceptance, and revenge, "*Bat Boy: The Musical*" undertakes the difficult questions of acceptance, bias, and equality and mixes them with humor, horror, and musical numbers, leading to a shocking twist ending that will leave the audience on the edge of their seats.

"Our production is pretty different from most. Many productions of '*Bat Boy*' can fall into the easy habit of making fun of a group of southern hicks who are just on a rampage of stupidity. We care about the fact that they are actually people," said Jeramie Mayes, '12 who plays Bat Boy, aka Edgar.

Leah Holleran, '12 who plays Shelley, added, "The comedic and satirical elements really shine through, but we've also worked hard to approach it all from an honest standpoint. We acknowledge the real and substantial issues and

moments, instead of just dismissing all of it as satire or parody."

In fact, the College's production promises to delve deeper into culturally and racially sensitive issues to gain insight and understanding into the ignorant societal behavior prevalent throughout the production.

"*Bat Boy* is an outsider to the extreme, but he is still partly human. So I have been drawing a lot from my own personal experiences as an outsider. I am bi-racial and homosexual, so it happens often. I relate to Edgar, especially when he sees the amount of hatred a people can have for something because they don't understand," Jeramie added. "*Bat Boy*" promises to be a brilliant show, combining serious issues with comedy, horror, and entertainment.

Having a cult-like following, "*Bat Boy*:"



Leah Holleran and Jeramie Mayes

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The Musical" is regarded and one of the funniest and most creative modern day musicals. Due to the mature nature of the show, it is recommended for patrons above age 14. On campus tickets are \$7.

Jeramie concluded by saying, "It is going to be a riot that hopefully makes you want to cry, laugh, and then think a little."

Why are musicians so darn sexy?

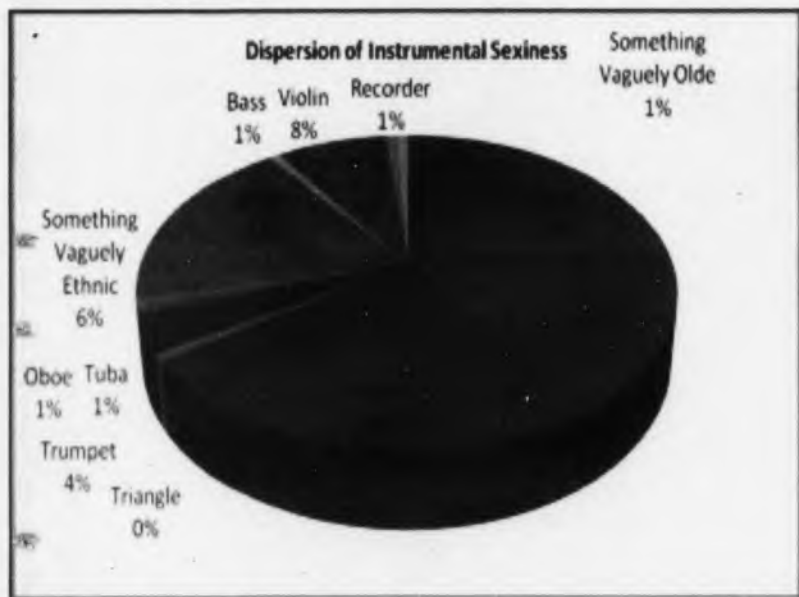
BY KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

Each year, when mating season finally rolls around for the sexually frustrated boys and girls of the animal kingdom, the world puts on a wonderful show and tell. Some animals sing, some dance and even more just moan and awkwardly gyrate their little hearts out. Plenty of animals need not do more than stick out their derriere and await the inevitable, and some animals develop prehensile corkscrew parts and prehensile corkscrew receptacles for a rocking good time. Any half-decent human being should know that human mating just doesn't always work that way, and though singing, dancing, moaning, gyrating, butt bumping, and prehensibility are all viable (and for the most part recommended) strategies on how to get laid, they are never guaranteed.

I believe that a select few men have found the secret to this guarantee, be it by natural selection or ADD. After all these generations, the answer has been revealed to be quite simple after all. All that men need to do to secure the preservation of their specific kind of species is this: play an instrument. Try as you might, there's no denying it, musicians are sexy. John Mayer: sexy. Biz Markie: sexy. Bach: plain old studly. Your second cousin who plays the bongos: awkwardly incestuous, yet sexy. Yeah sure, not ALL musicians have a pleasant or even socially acceptable aesthetic about them, and yeah some musicians are just plain ugly, but that doesn't mean they don't have sex appeal. Try and deny the inherent draw, that almost ethereal aura that surrounds Flavor Flav or Brett Michaels. Clearly it is not their hair (or lack thereof) which makes them super-duper-sexy, nor is it their mediocre song writing abilities (or lack thereof) that makes a lady's heart melt upon first glance. What separates these Cro-Magnon troglodytes from the pack is their ability to utilize tools, and in this case, an instrument. Just slip on your Freudian lensed thick rims and you'll see why instrument playing is an art, mixing together fine motor skills with great deals of creativity; but it's also a phallus-fest. Not since sex has it been so cool to put something in your mouth and blow it! How could a woman rightfully resist the sexual aptitude so clearly displayed by sex/sax legends like Kenny G? Okay, so you're not Kenny G, and you're certainly no Biz Markie. Nevertheless, mere basic understanding of an instrument (or at least just holding it and beating like you're so good you don't need notes) is enough to separate average Joe from his non-musical-alternate-dimension-self.

Merely walking around in flannel, growing a beard, and holding a decrepit rotten-through guitar would be suitable to secure a harem of interested girls, but for those who have tasted the sweet success of this musical guise have no need to stop here. Sure you pluck a girl's heart strings with a sick E chord on guitar, but if you are capable of using three fingers why not do it on piano too? In fact, if you play piano then I guess you play keyboard too. When capable of playing both piano and guitar, remember you can play the keytar, and hey, since you play guitar, that's almost the same as bass, and hell I think ukulele has strings too. And banjo. Pretty much anyone can play harmonica, and if you've got that down, then glass harmonica counts too. If you think hard enough, then you can play all these instruments and more, and the more you play, well, the better your chances are.

In fact, you don't even know how to play any of them, just carry around the case. If someone asks you to play, say that being a struggling musician is hard and you had to pawn your guitar to follow your dreams of being a guitar player. "Play" just one and you're halfway there, but if you're a one man band/bard, you're a Chris Martin among men. Hey, he's so sexy he made civil war re-enactment sexy! So I guess the moral of the story is, if you can't play an instrument, you might as well reenact the civil war. Yeah, I think that's what I was getting at.



How sexy is your instrument?

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Women are sluts and men are champions!

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE WRITER

I am going to start this column with a typical conversation from a typical Saturday night at a typical party.

Male #1: Yo. Are you going to hook up with that girl in the short skirt with the big boobs?

Male #2: Yea...maybe.

Male #1: Maybe? What's your problem bro? You have only had about five girls this week, what's wrong with that chic?

Male #2: I don't know. I mean she is hot and all, but like I don't want to get with nasty girls. I mean that girl jumps from guy to guy. You never know what she might be carrying and I could do better than a slut.

Does this conversation make anyone livid? Yes, this article is a siren for the ladies to wake up! This conversation happens all the time mainly between men, yet women still vie for men's attention. It proves that men are mean, shallow, and most importantly hypocrites! They judge females and look at their hook up history with other guys as a method for deciding if they are worth anything. That is such crap! Men should judge women for the person they are, not for their history with males. If women also looked at men for their history with women and judged them on that qualification, then marriage would not exist. Women are interested in knowing about the girlfriends of the past, but they do not dwell on their history and decide if a guy is worth their time based on their past flings. Women look at a guy for his personality most of the time and his looks too, but they never give past girlfriends and hook ups that much consideration, yet men do. I think that is ridiculous. Males count "the notches on their belt" and women know this, yet they still give men the benefit of the doubt and go on dates with them. However, if a guy hears that a woman has a "belt", he calls her offensive names like a "whore" or "slut", and refuses to date her. Maybe men are jealous or intimidated by the fact that women can probably have more notches on a belt in a week than a male could. Men bond over how many women they can get in a week and refer to themselves as "champions," yet a woman is scared to share with her own best friends, who are females, about the two guys they might have kissed in one night for fear that they would be scorned or looked upon as a "slut".

Why does this happen? Is this fair? Is there anyway to break the mold? I mean maybe women are just trying to get the same experiences as men, and why shouldn't they have that right? I am going to give mankind the benefit of the doubt and assume that people hook up with more than one person not because they are horny, but because they are looking to experience many different people. Maybe women are hooking up with more than one guy, so they can see what they like and what they don't like. Men do this all the time. I just don't see why this stereotype of men and women still exist or how it ever came about.

I have my own thoughts about hooking up with more than one person, but if you are a person who is going to do it then you should be judged according to your action, not according to your sex. I mean if a hermaphrodite hooked up with many people, would anyone be able to say anything? What could one say? How would this hermaphrodite be judged because they are not male nor female? This is one facet of the conversation above that really bothered me when I heard it the other night, but there are other things about the conversation that made me angry.

I hated hearing the way these two guys were judging this girl based on her boobs and butt. Girls are guilty of this as well. I know our parents yell about this all time, but I am 18-years old and I am going to yell about this too. People should not be judged on their outward appearances. I understand it is unavoidable, but people care too much about it. I get that you have to be attracted to a person in order to consider going out with them; however, most people don't even consider personality. They maybe look at the personality as part of the aftermath. I think personality should hold more weight than beauty. Personality last forever, but looks do not. When looks are considered, women and men should not talk about body parts in the way that they do. It is so vulgar to hear a man refer to women's breasts as a "juicy rack." Or in turn to hear a woman refer to a male's butt as a "luscious ass." I mean whatever happened to these parts of the body being sacred and never talked about or discussed unless it was in a private discussion between two lovers. In today's world, I can't go a day without hearing someone talking about sex or body parts and in a manner that is almost disgusting and just not proper. Both women and men are to be held accountable for this indiscretion, and I feel people should start practicing some decorum and talk about more important things, like finding a cure for cancer or exterminating world hunger.

Lastly, the conversation above bothered me because it made me realize that at a party one should expect to leave with someone and participate in heavy-duty sexual activity. Judging by this conversation and the stories I have heard thus far, all people want to do at a party is find someone they can have sex with or play with sexually. A person apparently does not go to a party to engage in an interesting conversation, or dance to music. They go to a party to find a sexual partner, and I find this to be wrong. I feel one should only engage in sexual pleasures with a person they know and have feelings for. Why partake in such an event with a stranger when you might have regrets in the morning? This is a good way to get hurt emotionally and physically.

In conclusion, I am not writing this article to get approval or to convince people that I am knowledgeable and know everything.

There is a lot I don't know and don't understand. I am simply expressing my opinion in the hopes that maybe positive change will come. I would like to see men stop referring to women as "sluts," seeing as both men and women can and do possess many different lovers. I would like to see men and women limit their conversations about sex and body parts, especially in a crude manner.

Lastly, I would like to see people leaving a party to have a heated debate about politics or to hang out as friends, not as a one-time sexual fling, which is what it usually seems to happen.

Where the wild things are

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE WRITER

Directed by: Spike Jones
Released in theatres: Oct. 16,

Plot summary: From what I gathered from the movie, the setting mostly takes place in a young boy's mind. A troubled second grader, Max (Max Records), is feeling neglected by

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everyone in his family. His older sister, Claire (Pepita Emmerichs), is too busy hanging with her friends and boyfriend to hang with him. His mother (Catherine Keener) tries to appease him; however, she also tries to live a normal life as a divorcee and spends some time with her boyfriend

instead of Max. The father is never seen due to the divorce from Max's mother.

One night, Max becomes enraged by his circumstances in life, bites his mother, and runs away from home into the woods, wearing a wolf's costume. From this point on, we enter Max's mind as he travels by boat to a distant land. On this land he discovers fuzzy looking monsters that all look very different. There is a bird monster, a goat monster, and other oddly shaped monsters. These monsters originally want to eat Max, but he fools them into thinking he is a king. Therefore, the monsters decide to make Max their king in the hopes that he can make them all happy. The monsters are normally angry and sad. Max does his best to create violent games such as a dirt war in order to make all the monsters happy, and he becomes especially close to one monster named Carol (James Gandolfini). Carol is unhappy because he is in love with another monster named KW (Lauren Ambrose), but they hardly ever get along throughout the movie.

In the end, Max fails to make everyone happy and misses home so much he decides to go back. Although he created obvious bonds with the monsters; he leaves knowing this experience will change his life forever. The problems he faced with the monsters reflect the problems he faced at home.

My thoughts: I came out of the movie quite depressed, and I would tell anyone going to see this movie to bring a box of

tissues. I felt like crying afterwards, and two of my friends who accompanied me to this movie did in fact cry and smear their eyeliner. I thought from the commercials that it would be a happy movie with adventure and laughter, especially because of the fuzzy looking monsters.

Just because a movie makes you cry does not necessarily mean it is not worth seeing, even if you are a child, because some of the best movies ever created are the movies that allow you to feel something and evoke some kind of emotion. Nevertheless, I do not know if it will exceed everyone's expectations.

It did do well at the box office; however, I bet there are a lot of people out there who are unhappy because the story was tampered with, as it was originally written as a children's book. There was a lot of violence, anger, yelling, and animosity coming from Max and the monsters. The animation was amazing, and I feel it should be nominated for an Oscar, but I just was not a fan of the plot line.

I felt the actors were amazing, but I wasn't in love with the characters. I thought Max was an annoying brat who could not be content with his life and didn't try to be. I thought the mother was an idiot, as she did not know how to discipline her son. I was indifferent to the sister and obviously never met the father figure. The monsters

were not cute and cuddly like I expected; they had a lot of depth to them. Carol was a grumpy and short fused monster who reminded me a lot of Max, which is probably why they were the closest of the characters. Judith was a whiny and pessimistic monster who viewers wanted to strangle for always being so miserable. KW was a weak monster that complained rightfully but was always running away from her problems, which frustrated me.

I just did not find this to be a great story, and I have a hard time believing this it a great children's book. If I had read this as a child I probably would have been scared and sad.

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First Dates: What could go wrong?

BY E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

So, we've found a guy at a party or picked up a chick with some classy one-liners, and now we're on our first date. Every

date begins with such potential. Such possibility. And yet, it could end as these dates did.

Boy A's bad first date started the day before: he lost his wallet. Thus, with no money to go on a date, he took his love interest to the park where he and his friends go to get high. They smoked some cigarettes and made out for a while before it started to rain. (He adds, "I'm a gentleman and I'm classy.") She got a ride home.

Boy B texted his friend as he and his lady love entered a Starbucks. The text held the message "After this, I don't want to see this girl again." Mistake? Probably. (Sidebar: texting during a date = incredibly rude.)

They sat down with their drinks and after some time, Lady Love got up to use the bathroom... and wasn't coming back. What better way to pass the time than to look through past texts? And this is where Boy B discovered his fatal mistake: he had sent that text to the girl.

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Girl C's experience was rather like Boy A's in that it was perhaps the lack of excitement that led to a "bad date".

After a movie, her stud muffin took her to a couple of non-date places, such as McDonalds. After the

movie tickets, he didn't have any money, so she ended up paying for their popcorn and for their McDonalds' meals, which in her book was a no-no. This uneventful date led to another of its kind, and when he Facebook messaged her for a third, she tactfully ignored it.

Ultimately, what constitutes a bad date? Conversational flow is key. If he's not showing interest or doesn't ask questions, there may not be a second date. But on the other hand, the date shouldn't revolve around one person. Awkward silences are also portents of a bad date. As with Girl C's date, some "bad dates" are purely atmospheric, and therefore, perhaps, unavoidable: the couple next to you is arguing or the service is bad. My suggestion: turn it into a bonding experience. Make a joke about it. Don't let your environment diminish the quality of your evening.

Accordingly, a good date involves going somewhere "nice," and everyone is happy to be there, (it is important, generally, to actually want to be on the date, and not waiting it out). There should be a delightful buzz of chemistry, with a wallop of emotional and physical attraction. Basically, the boys said it's nice to find out that there's a winning personality behind the attractive face.

Hopefully avoiding the above blunders and having a preliminary emotional attraction will lead to a relatively good first date and even happier future dates, where conversation flows and you are blissfully unaware of time's passing.

"If he's not showing interest or doesn't ask questions, there may not be a second date."

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Thurs.: 7:20, 10:05

**Cloudy With A
Chance Of Meatballs**
Thurs.: 6:45, 9:15

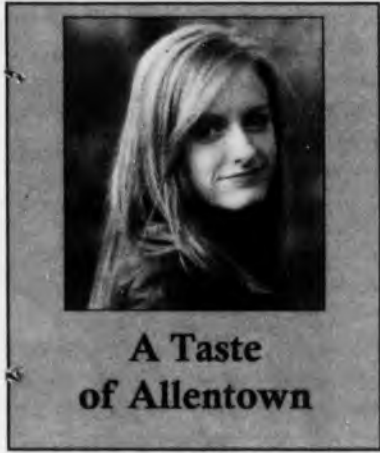
**Where the Wild
Things Are**
Thurs.: 8:15, 9:30

Couples Retreat
Thurs.: 8:10, 10:00

The Invention of Lying
Thurs.: 7:50, 10:25

Zombieland
Thurs.: 7:25, 10:15

The Sunset Grille: a must go for students



A Taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

This past Saturday night, my boyfriend Erik and I went to dinner at the Sunset Grille. Located at 6751 Rupperville Road here in Allentown, this restaurant stands out like a beacon of light in a darkened alleyway. The restaurant runs in the remodeled Cetronia Hotel that existed in the 1900s, but nothing about this restaurant feels obsolete.

Despite the large amount of people at the Sunset Grille, Erik and I were seated right away, even though we didn't have a reservation. The atmosphere of this restaurant was fun and lively with a southwestern kick to it, but it did not have the feel of one of those family restaurants with crying kids where you need to yell across the table to hear each other speak. The service was great, and it was evident that everyone on staff knew what they were doing.

While I am not usually a big Tex-Mex fan, I really loved the food there. It had a perfect southwestern feel to it.

The prices are inexpensive and totally manageable for a night out with anyone, especially for college kids who don't always have a lot of money to drop of a fun night out for dinner. The menu can be found online on the Sunset Grille's website, www.sunset-grille.com.

The menu has different sections for types of food, such as "Soups and Chili," "Sunset Sizzlin' Fajitas," and "South of the Border." The section below the appetizers called "Wings and Things," offers plates of wings that are designed for a hungry eater and come in plates of 10, 20, or 50. Shrimp plates come in sizes of 10 or 20. I took their offer in the combo section and ordered a plate of five wings and five shrimp for Erik and I to split. The other combo offers are 10 wings and 10

shrimp, as well as 30 wings and 20 shrimp. The wings and shrimp come with a choice of 10 sauces. We ordered the Sunset Gold sauce, which I highly recommend to anyone who is planning on ordering the wings or shrimp. I will admit that I liked the chicken wings better than the shrimp—the shrimp tasted more like the bread crumbs they were battered in than the shrimp themselves—but they were both still incredible, especially with the Sunset Gold sauce.

The online menu offers a section called "2 Can Dine for \$19.99!", but we couldn't find that part of the online menu in the actual menu in the restaurant, so we ordered regular entrees.

For dinner, I ordered the blackened chicken caesar wrap, which was phenomenal. Erik ordered the Texas chicken, which is a chicken breast in BBQ sauce and melted cheese, and served with vegetables on the side and your choice of a baked potato or french fries. We agreed that this dish was pretty good, but compared to the sizzling fajitas and colorful other dishes at adjacent tables, we both admit that we could have ordered entrees that were more authentic to the restaurant. Every meal that we saw looked amazing, and I am planning on going back and trying at least three more items on their menu.

I found the dessert menu to be very impressive, consisting of items such as the "Santa Fe Sundae," sopapillas, and fried ice cream. Sopapillas are a Mexican dessert made of fried flatbread seasoned with cinnamon and sugar. Though I would have liked to order the sopapillas to see how authentic their Mexican dessert was, we couldn't resist ordering the fried ice cream. I had never had fried ice cream before, so we had to try it. We both loved it and the whole thing was gone in a matter of minutes. We absolutely recommend it to anyone interested in ordering dessert.

Overall, the Sunset Grille is an awesome place to eat.

This restaurant is a must for College students; everyone should eat there at least once in their four years here. Perfect for any age, any time of day, and any sized wallet, this restaurant definitely lives up to its own standards as "Lehigh Valley's Best Tex-Mex." I would eat there again in a heartbeat.

Judith Joy Ross: Living with War

BY LIZ FONSECA
LIFE WRITER

Judith Joy Ross: Living with War, currently showing in the Martin Art Gallery, is a provocative collection of black-and-white photographs taken from three of the artist's series: "Vietnam Veterans Memorial", "Gulf War", and "Protest the War". The exhibit contains intense portraits taken in relation to the U.S. war operations of the last few decades, the most recent being taken of individuals protesting the current war with Iraq.

On Mon. Oct. 14, Ross, a resident of Bethlehem, came to speak about her work to a large and curious audience. She passionately showed her pictures and reflected on most. She described her pieces as "collective portraits of who

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we are, myself included" and went on to admit, "I like the ordinariness of people." She went on to say that this particular work is "not about mourning" but "about how fed up it is to have a war in the first place."

Through these photos, she sought to answer the question of how people deal with pain and suffering. The resulting art is striking. The truths that the photos in this exhibit portray could not be put into words.

If you find yourself with some time to spare or are just waiting in the CA before a rehearsal, do yourself a favor and go take a look at the photos. The exhibit will be showing until November 7.

You might be surprised at how the photos affect you.

Gossip Guru

BY SASHA FIERCE
LIFE WRITER

Hey guys and gals. Ready for this week's celebrity lowdown? I don't think you'll ever be ready. So let's start off with some pretty disturbing news. Elvis's hair is up for auction, and someone has bid \$15,000 for it. Considering how long ago he died, I have one word: EWWW.

On the hysterical side of life, the Hasselhoff family might be getting their own reality TV show. I love it.

For all "Gossip Girl!" fans, you can be excited about celebrity guests this season. Lady Gaga in all her ridiculous will be coming up, along with Mrs. David Beckham aka Posh Spice, who has agreed to a cameo appearance.

Daniel Radcliffe, aka Harry Potter, has bought himself a residency right here in the USA, so girls get ready to stalk! It is said to be a historical New York home on West 12th Street. Not that that isn't creepy or anything.

For any male readers, get ready for November's issue of "Playboy" featuring none other than the uber sexy Marge Simpson. No, your eyes are not deceiving you, I did say Marge Simpson.

Oh, did you hear Bristol Palin's baby daddy, Levi Johnston, was recently photographed for "Playgirl" magazine?

In other news, Kourtney Kardashian's home was burglarized over the weekend. According to reports they stole hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of jewelry.

And FINALLY Reese Witherspoon began to talk about her hunk of a boyfriend, Jake Gyllenhaal. According to her, "Jake is a great cook, he does a lot. We spend the weekends outside of LA, where I have a farmhouse. We have chickens and we grow cucumbers and tomatoes. It reminds me of where I grew up in Tennessee." So sweet.

She only deserves happiness.

Poor people of Malaysia: Beyonce has postponed her performance there because of high criticism of her "provocative ways" even though Beyonce is one of the classiest people ever. Remember what she did for Taylor Swift?

So my favorite new, strange couple award has to go to Katy Perry and Russell Brand. They are both crazy, but actually seem so good for one another. Good luck with everything you two.

Some are saying that Lindsey "out of her mind" Lohan is filing for a restraining order against her father. Maybe that will help her more than rehab?

"The Hills" star Stephanie Pratt was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving in Hollywood early Sunday morning, the Los Angeles Police Department confirmed. I would also have a drinking problem if I were Spencer's sister. Poor girl.

On a funnier note: Madonna is being sued by her neighbors in her Upper West Side, New York City, apartment for too much noise and music.

OK, well enough for now.

Contest of the week: the first person to email me with where this reference is from wins a special prize! "Bounce just bounce let me see that body bounce. Cause my arms are so fly and my jeans are so tight that I make these people bounce." Hurry up and figure it out!

Remember to send tips to berggossipgirl@gmail.com. Tata for now.

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Penalties and late turnovers cost Mules' football in defensive battle

By BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

On a rainy Saturday, the Muhlenberg football team (2-4, 1-3) dropped a key game to the McDaniel Green Terror (4-2, 2-2). A lack of offensive production early, a fumble, and interception on the last two Mule drives contributed to the 16-9 loss. It was a defensive battle. Berg's offense was stifled by the McDaniel defense which held the Mules to only 211 total yards, while the Muhlenberg defense held McDaniel to 224 total yards – both considerably under the conference average.

On the Mules' first possession of the game, they started on their own 23. Sophomore quarterback Justin Myers looked great on the drive that ended on the McDaniel 14. But, an offensive holding penalty backed the Mules up, out of the red zone. Myers was then sacked and fumbled the ball, turning it over. The Mules gave up a season high 8 sacks on the day and the fumble was the first of three Mule turnovers.

On the ensuing drive, McDaniel hit a 21-yard field goal for the first score of the game, making it 3-0 after a 69-yard drive that was kept alive by a personal foul penalty when the McDaniel punter was run into.

In the second quarter, McDaniel was set to punt, but a holding penalty was called on the Mules before the ball was kicked. This gave the Green Terror the ball at midfield. The Green Terror then converted for a touchdown on an outstanding 32-yard reception in the end zone. Muhlenberg went into the locker room down 10-0 at the half. The Mules have been playing catch-up all season – averaging a deficit of 3 points at the half. But, the offense has been remarkably better in the second half.

On the kick, sophomore Kevin Ryan picked up the kick and ran 12 yards to midfield, giving the Mules fantastic field position to start the third quarter. On the first play of the drive, the Muhlenberg rush was stuffed for no gain – the Mules only had 28 rushing-yards on 35 attempts during the game. Then, a sack followed by an insufficient gain on a short completion forced the Mules to punt.

The Mules' defense shut down McDaniel on the following drive, forcing them to punt. The Mules received the ensuing punt on their own 22. Sophomore running back JT Merklinger announced his presence early in the drive with a 15-yard run. Two plays later, Myers threw a strike to senior wide receiver Phil Cresta for 51 yards, 3 yards short of the end zone. Cresta had another stellar game, pulling down 8 catches for 147 yards – well above his average of 97.3 a game (third-best in the Centennial Conference). After two unsuccessful tries, Merklinger plunged into the end zone for his first touchdown of the season. Junior kicker Michael Katz's point after attempt was missed, ending his school-record 53 consecutive successful PATs, making the score 10-6 in favor of McDaniel.

McDaniel's next drive sputtered to a halt forcing them to punt again, giving the

Mules the ball on their own 26-yard line. The drive started off with a positive run by Merklinger, but Myers was sacked again. On third-and-thirteen, defensive pass interference led to a Mule first down. After a 19-yard rush by Merklinger, the Mules appeared to be unstoppable. The Mules had four first-downs on the drive and the ball on the McDaniel 20 at the close of the third quarter. But, in the fourth quarter, the Muhlenberg attack mired in the red zone, forcing a field goal by Katz, making the score 10-9.

The Mules and the Green Terror exchanged punts on the following three drives. The Mules received the third punt on their own 16-yard line with 7 minutes left in the game. A pair of completions to Cresta, one for 26 yards, gave the Mules the ball on their 45. But, a Muhlenberg fumble was picked up by a McDaniel player who ran it back for a touchdown. A failed two-point conversion by the Green Terror kept the final score at 16-9.

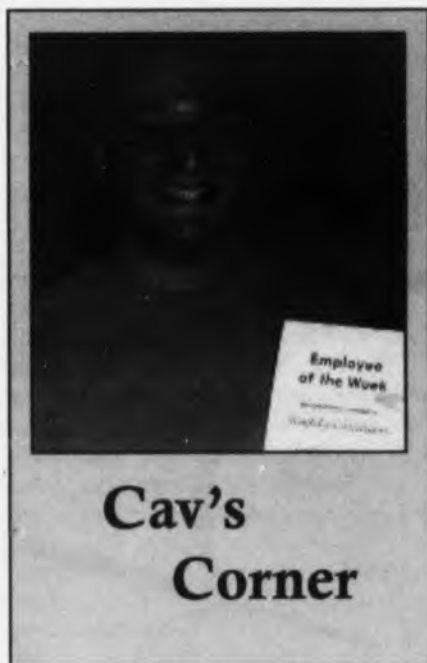
The game was lost after the Mules were intercepted on their own 44-yard line. The Mules next game is next Saturday at Franklin and Marshall (3-1, 5-1).



Senior Linebacker Frank Emmett led the Mules defense with 11 tackles.

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Cavalieri displays IM sorting hat



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BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

well as the emergence of some of the younger ones. There were great games, such as Soul City Symphony's one point loss to Team Ramrod and blowouts as Team Keith winning 52-0. The season saw pretty much everything possible and it just has to make you excited for the playoffs this upcoming week. The top eight teams are advancing to the postseason and there will, without a doubt, be some even better games than we've already seen.

I nailed my playoff predictions from last week getting all eight teams correct. The first round will look like this: Team Keith vs. The Wounded Seagulls, LAX vs. Team Xtreme, Team Ramrod vs. WRE, and The Minotaurs vs. Soul City Symphony.

Team Keith vs. The Wounded Seagulls: Team Keith, led by Senior Dan Fisher, will without a doubt be too much to handle for The Wounded Seagulls. Team Keith finished the regular season with a perfect record and I can not see them losing a first round game. They are just too good to exit that early in the playoffs. Unless The Wounded Seagulls can pull a rabbit out of their hat, this one

has to go to Fisher and Team.

LAX vs. Team Xtreme: Team Xtreme showed a tremendous amount of heart as well as a ton of improvement in the final week of the regular season game. Xtreme played the Minotaurs to a very close game and then volunteered to stick around and play a second game in a row vs. Soul City Symphony. However, I can't see Xtreme having enough firepower to defeat the number one seeded LAX. LAX is just too fast and too athletic to be upset by a four seed.

Team Ramrod vs. WRE: Team Ramrod finally has all of their players back and with all that talent rotating in and out, I think they win this one big. WRE has lost their leader Junior Bill Sholly to injury and will most likely struggle to guard Ramrod's very talented mix of receivers.

Minotaurs vs. Soul City Symphony: This has to be the best game of the first round. The Minotaurs who were nearly upset by Team Xtreme last week will be looking to shut up all the critics. Soul City Symphony has their full team and are looking like one of the toughest teams to beat right now. I'm going to predict

this one as the only upset of the first round and take Soul City Symphony by a touchdown. Although preseason MVP Brian Ward will certainly be a tough assignment to stop I think SCS has too many good receivers for the Minotaurs to contain.

If all of these four predictions are correct that will set it up to have LAX vs. Team Ramrod and Team Keith vs. Soul City Symphony. From there I predict Team Ramrod will upset LAX and Team Keith will breeze by the Soul City Symphony. That will set up another epic battle between Team Keith and Team Ramrod. If that is to be the case, I think Team Ramrod with their full team might have the edge over Team Keith. Having already played them to a close game while missing several of their key players I feel Ramrod will get the win and be our 2009 Intramural Flag Football Champions.

The IM Committee would also like to announce that they are going to be holding another night of sign ups for European Handball on Tues, Oct. 27 at 7:00 pm in the Freshens Café located in the Life Sports Center.

The regular season of IM Flag Football has finally come to a close, and what a great season it was. The season saw the dominance of some older teams, as

Women's Soccer tied for first in Centennial Conference

By JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Soccer Team has proven themselves to be invincible. This past week, the women didn't let the pressure of longtime rivals or inclement weather conditions hold them back from playing their best games of the season. Playing with much skill and determination, the Lady Mules beat both Swarthmore and John Hopkins in two games that were each filled with intensity from the very first whistle blow.

The Swarthmore Gannets were one of the top two teams in the Centennial Conference last year, along with John Hopkins. Therefore, the women's team knew that they had to bring it right to them from the moment they stepped out onto the field. The Mules managed to put one in the net within the first several minutes of the game. Senior Ashley O'Grady sent the ball across to the center of the box, where her sister Meghan O'Grady headed it, deflecting it off the Swat defender and landing in the goal. Soon after, the Gannets showed that they were not going to be an easy feat and managed to tie the score only minutes later. Overall, the Lady Mules handled themselves well and didn't let the pressure from the Gannets overcome them. Senior Kasey Hacker took the winning shot later in the first half. She sent the ball twenty yards, going over the Gannet goalie's head, hitting the bottom of the crossbar, and bouncing in the goal. The second half of the game the 'Berg women worked hard to clear the ball away from their box and to keep the pressure on. The game ended with a winning score of 2-1.

Several members of the Women's Soccer team recalled last year's match against John Hopkins to be one of the most difficult matches of their lives. With that considered and also having fallen to them last year, the Women were dying to prove that they could overcome them. The Blue Jays had the Mules under pressure for

the first half of the game, but the Mules' women played a strong defense by not letting them score. Sophomore keeper Michelle Toher did an excellent job of not letting any balls through the net.

The highlights of the game were in the second half of the game. At half time, not having had a shot on goal yet, the Soccer Team came out ready to kill. "If we were going to play in the freezing rain, we were going to make it worth it," said Kasey Hacker. From the start of the second half, the Mules had the momentum of the game and were getting shots on goal. Fortunately, ten minutes into the second half, senior Kim Hacker, trying to push the ball up to one of the forwards in the box, ended up scoring their first goal. This was a pivotal moment of immense excitement for the team since it was their first lead on John Hopkins. But they knew that it wasn't over yet. They still had to stay strong for another thirty minutes in order to keep Hopkins from tying up the game.

Finally, with less than ten minutes left, they put the nail in the coffin when senior Christina O'Grady buried the ball into the net. Not only was it a great shot, but it also alleviated the fear of the Blue Jays tying up the score at the last minute. "That's when it hit me that we were going to do what I have been waiting four years to do, we were going to beat Hopkins" recalled Kim Hacker. This game is especially remarkable considering that the 'Berg Women's team is just the second team to score two goals on John Hopkins.

"We are finally clicking and really learning to play as a unit," said Kasey Hacker. "We have been practicing really hard to connect with each other all over the field and this is has been crucial to our success."

Having beat John Hopkins ties them with the Blue Jays for first in the Centennial Conference. The 'Berg team is now holds a good possibility in hosting the Centennial Conference playoffs for the first time since

2003. They will get to host if they win all of their games between now and the playoffs. Given that they come out each game like did playing Hopkins and Swarthmore, hosting the playoffs could very well be a reality.



Senior Kimberly Hacker has helped the Lady Mules with a career high 10 goals this season.

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Field Hockey history repeats itself with an upset over Hopkins

By ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

For the second time in two years, the 'Berg Field Hockey Team has upset the Division III top 10 nationally ranked team, the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays.

But the wins have been anything but easy. Both games entered at least one overtime with very little scoring. This year the 10th ranked Blue Jays were put away by senior Nicki Notarianni's game winning goal with 5:17 left to play double overtime. The Mules won 1-0.

Last year, the Mules defeated the Blue Jays with a goal 32 seconds into the first overtime. Coincidentally, senior Tara Cohn had a part in both the winning goal this year and last year. Last year, Cohn scored the game winning goal; this year she had the assist to Notarianni's game winner.

Notarianni had her own repeat performance; she scored her second double overtime winner of the season. Her last double overtime goal to take the win was during the Mules home opener against Susquehanna earlier this season.

This win was vital for the Mule's chances at making the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Mules are 8-5 but were previously in danger of not making the playoffs because they had dropped three straight games at home in Scotty Wood Stadium. But now with two straight wins, the Mules are back in good shape and looking forward to postseason play and the opportunity to knock off some of their Centennial Conference rivals.

Those three straight losses had to do with the Mules losing two of their three seniors to injuries. At the mid point in the season it is hard for teams to rebound from injured upper-classman, but the field hockey team has been able to overcome those issues.

Thanks to teamwork late in the game along with Notarianni's game winning goal, which ties her at sixth for the program's all-time most goals with 31, the Mules look to recharge their scoring prowess and come out strong against their next opponent, Scranton.

This win was the fifth overall for 'Berg in their infamous rivalry with the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. However, this was the first of those wins that actually came on Hopkins' Baltimore turf, a seemingly difficult thing for any of the Mule teams to accomplish.

'Berg Hockey remains winless after dropping three straight

By DANNY LEWICKI
SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's wretched start to the season continued this weekend as they dropped three straight games, including their first league game of the season, putting

their record at 0-5-1.

Friday night, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) dropped by for the only meeting of the season between the two teams. TCNJ came out flying and didn't stop until the end of the game, dominating the Mules and winning 7-2. 'Berg freshman Mike Arbittier scored his first goal as a Mule as he banked a shot off of TCNJ's goalie from behind the net.

Saturday, Muhlenberg travelled to Bucknell University for the first Great Northeast Collegiate Hockey Conference (GNCHC) game of the season. 'Berg came out looking a little weak, ultimately dropping an embarrassing game to Bucknell by a 3-2 score. Although they did not so much outplay Muhlenberg, Bucknell simply seemed to want the game more, as a lack of desire doomed the Mules from the start.

The score was held close for the duration of the game, but even freshman Matt Frank's first goal as a Mule couldn't energize the team to the two points needed in the game.

The College's loss against Bucknell, considered by many to be a lower team in the league, seriously maims Berg's chances at securing a first round bye in the GNCHC playoffs.

Sunday, Muhlenberg returned home for a rematch from last year against Princeton University. Muhlenberg dominated the game as they went up 8-3 at one point in the game, but like they seem to do often this year, they continued to find a way to lose, dropping the match 10-9 in overtime.

Sophomore Goaltender Ron Clark received very little help from his defense, giving up 10 goals during the contest. On the flip side, Sophomore Andrew Milanese scored four goals in the game.

Friday night, the Mules will hold a Hockey Fights Cancer night to raise money for cancer awareness. The night will include auctions of autographed memorabilia donated by the National Hockey League and participating teams. Be sure to make it to the game to take part in the events!

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2009 Men's and Women's Basketball preview

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

It's that time of the year again--the time when all basketball players in the Centennial Conference feel ambivalent about the start of their season. All players are excited that the season is about to begin, but at the same time they are dreading the first week of practice because it is all about physical conditioning. This is the case because no team or player in the Centennial Conference is permitted to touch a basketball or use it in any practice for the first week of the season.

A rule designed to dedicate more time to academics,

Junior Pointguard Kelly McKeon. "Our first practices are hard work but they are a lot of fun."

Also, only a few short weeks away is the annual highly anticipated annual Scotty Wood Tournament, which every player on both the men's and women's teams gets excited.

"Scotty Wood is one of the best parts of the season, from day one we are getting ready for it," said Senior Guard Kaitlyn O'Malley. "It is something that everyone on the team looks forward to."

So what does the season look like for both the Men's and Women's teams? With great returning players and chemistry on both teams, the outlook is good.

The Women's Basketball Team had a history making season last year and has no plans of stopping where they left off. Only more success lies ahead in this team's plan for the upcoming season. Last year, for the first time in history, the team went undefeated in the Centennial Conference and won all of their post season games including the Championship. The Mules ended the season 26-4, which tied the school record and Centennial Conference record for wins in a single season. The record was set in 2006 when this year's seniors were freshman. The class of 2009 finished with an overall record of 92-21. To top all of these achievements, the team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in Muhlenberg history.

But now it is time to focus on the '09-'10 season and Head Coach Ron Rohn and the ladies are excited for it to start. Although the women are more focused on the first few weeks of practice than starting games, the girls have definite goals that they want to accomplish which starts with winning Scotty Wood.

"We are really excited for Scotty Wood," said McKeon, "It is a little nerve racking because we will be playing two good teams, but exciting because the gym is always packed, and all of our parents are there. Also, our first goal for the season is to win the tournament."

The Lady Mules are excited just to be practicing with each other. It is evident on campus that the women's basketball team has a unique chemistry. Whether the girls are at practice or taking up two tables at Garden Room, the friendship and chemistry is a big factor in all of the team's success.

"We have such great chemistry on and off the court," said O'Malley, "And when we start practicing our favorite part is just being with each other as a team. Our chemistry off the court really reflects what we do on the court and it is a huge reason for our success."

The Men's Team has a lot to look forward to this year with their new Head Coach, Scott McClary. A graduate of The College and an Assistant Coach under Dave Madeira for four years, McClary is excited to take on the challenge of coaching at his alma mater and also seeing what potential lies ahead especially with strong returning Seniors, Center Peter Barnes, Guard Brian Frankoski, Guard Ryan Foster, and Forward Obi

Nwizugbo.

"I am excited to see what a team with four returning seniors can do, especially in our conference," said Scott McClary.

The Mules have a lot of potential going into the season. All four returning seniors, Foster, Barnes, Frankoski and Nwizugbo, have had tremendous experience and game time since their freshman year.

Captain Peter Barnes will continue to lead the team and be a presence in the Centennial Conference. Barnes last year was recognized as one of the best big men in the CC and lead the team in scoring with 12.1 points per game, 8.8 rebounds per game, and had 50 blocked shots. Barnes was also Second-Team-All CC Center and the Scotty Wood MVP. Barnes gets some help in the paint from Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic. Liddic had a breakout performance last season as the eighth freshman in Centennial Conference history to earn All-Conference honors.

This year's team has a lot of potential and things look great for Coach McClary. McClary knows that the four returning seniors have a lot of experience, but, as any coach faces in their first year, there will be some challenges.

"Right now I think that having four seniors is both a good and bad thing," said McClary, "It gives us a great change to compete in the Centennial Conference, but it also brings about a challenge because they have done things a certain way in the past."

Despite some challenges, everything seems to be going well for Coach Rohn's Men's Team. They have been able to have some fun during this conditioning week because they have gotten to play soccer, flag football and other exercise oriented sports which of course do not even include the use of a basketball. The only bad news so far this season? Losers have to run stairs.



Junior Guard Kelly McKeon is preparing to lead the Lady Mules back to the NCAA Tournament.

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the Centennial Conference believes that if a ball is not allowed to be used at practice, then the practices for the first week will be short, and students will have one more week to devote to academics before the rigorous basketball season begins.

But this week of "no touching basketballs" simply translates into a week of conditioning, which is slightly daunting to all the players. Yet both teams are still anxious and excited to start their season because it means it is finally time to start playing basketball again. It also means that the teams are once again united on the court.

"What I am most excited for during the start of the season is for all of us to be around each other," said



Returning Senior Forward Obi Nwizugbo is gearing up along with the Mules for the season's opponents.

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Shoo Flu, don't bother me

By AMBER ELCHERT
News Writer

If you haven't realized yet, it is the unofficial start of the flu season.

While flu season usually starts in November and goes to April, this year our College Community seems to have picked up the flu early. As has the surrounding area of Allentown. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that people get the flu shots, and now the H1N1 flu shots, around the end of October and beginning of November to stop the spread.

The College has taken their recommendation into consideration and has vaccinated fast and early. At the beginning of October the Health Center had gotten a shipment of regular seasonal flu vaccines. They were gone in a matter of a day. On Fri., Oct. 23, the Health Center received a shipment of approximately 400 H1N1 vaccines that were given out in about two and a half hours. Not everyone was able to be vaccinated.

The inability for some not to get vaccinated has allowed the spread of the flu to happen somewhat quickly. Records show that approximately 70 students have the flu or influenza-like illness, most of those students have gone home. Those who could not go home have self-isolated themselves in the residence halls.

If you are worried about or think you have H1N1 or the regular flu you should check to see if you have any of the symptoms before you go over to the Health Center. The symptoms of H1N1 (swine) flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have

Do you feel sick?



**If you think you have the flu,
stay home or in your residence,
except to get medical care.**

Be sure to seek out medical attention.

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reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with H1N1 flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure), and deaths have been reported with H1N1 flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, H1N1 may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

If you are told that you have the flu or flu-like illness, you are expected to go home to rest and recover. However, you should utilize private and not public transportation (buses, trains, planes, etc.) to get home, in order to reduce the risk of disease transmission. You may return to campus 24 hours after your fever has ended without the use of fever reducing

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Reality check for seniors

By MATTHEW PEARSON
News Editor

This Jan., the College

will host the second annual "Reality MC" program. This three-day weekend is designed to provide helpful information to seniors about their transition into the world beyond.

Participating seniors will return to campus three days early from Winter Break, just before the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. When the program premiered last year, there were 54 students who participated. Due to the success of the program, only the first 100 seniors who apply will be accepted. Julie Ambrose, Director of the Senior Year Experience, fully expects to have a full list of participants well before the Dec. 4 deadline. 61% of last year's participants said they attended due to parental influence. With Parents Weekend rapidly approaching, and the promotional campaign for Reality MC beginning, there may be 100 attendees before the end of next week.

"...only the first 100 seniors who apply will be accepted."

The program originated after President Helm initiated a task force on the Senior Year Experience. The idea was intended to provide some form of exit orientation to graduating students that would mimic the welcoming orientation weekend of freshman year.

When Ambrose came on board, she wanted more feedback on the idea. Student focus groups were conducted during the 2006-2007 academic year and input from faculty and staff were instrumental in the creation of Reality MC.

Most importantly, the focus groups provided feedback on the title and concept of the program itself. "Students were very put-off by the idea of a second orientation weekend," explained Ambrose. The task then became to brainstorm new titles for the program. Colleen Prachter, of the Career Center, suggested basing the program on reality television, thus creating the ultimate winning idea.

The most drastic changes from the

first year of Reality MC are direct results of participation feedback. Students originally claimed that they wanted more choices in programming and lecture options during the weekend. To accommodate this desire, the department scheduled two events at the same time during each programming block. After last year's event, students appeared to have changed their minds. Many students felt that having to choose between events meant they were missing out on something. They wanted the ability to attend any event they desired. This year, the events have been coordinated so that there is enough time to attend all the programs.

According to student feedback, there were clearly some programs that were extremely popular. One of these is "W4401kHMO" which provides valuable information on what programs are available in the workforce. Another event, "Love Your \$\$\$", teaches students how to live on budgets built around their prospective salaries. Other programs include demys-

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Yankees or Phillies?

The Turnpike Series, The Pinstripe Series, cheesesteak vs. cheesecake, Broad Street vs. Broadway; whatever you want to call it's the World Series! So what does a Yankees vs. Phillies Series mean for Muhlenberg? An exciting two weeks probably doesn't even begin to explain it. Halloween is supposed to be scary but what will be even more frightening is the clash of the fans during Game 3 of the Series which also falls on the 31st this year.

We're all in favor of a little healthy competition (GO YANKEES!!!) and wholeheartedly promote it but, we know how attached some people get to their teams and are worried about the emotional state of our fellow students, not to mention ourselves, pending the outcome of each game.

It's the bottom of the 9th, full count, runners on 2nd and 3rd, the Phillies are down by 2, and Rivera is pitching. How do you feel? Regardless of where your loyalties lie, we bet your emotions are running quite high as anxiety sets in and you are on your feet, focused on the television, ready to jump with joy or collapse back onto the couch in agony. Your roommate asks for the last slice of pizza and you are appalled, how dare he or she interrupt this pivotal moment!

We've all been there. Even if you are not a die hard baseball fan, it's easy to find yourself caught up in the fervor of the World Series. So get caught up, but don't forget about the realities of the next two weeks: Halloween, Parents' Weekend, and that 20 page paper you've been putting off all semester. If you happen to incorporate baseball into your life, whether it be dressing up as your favorite player for Halloween, arguing with your dad about that pitch-called-strike-that-should-have-been-a-ball, or writing your paper on the history of the Yankee/Philly rivalry, don't worry, we won't judge.

There's a reason baseball is considered to be "America's Greatest Pastime" so grab some pizza and a beer (if you're of age, of course), and shamelessly scream at your television screen during that inevitable down-to-the-wire inning. We'll be right there with you.

And so it begins...

BY JEREMY SCHWARTZMAN
OP/ED WRITER

I may or may not be the first, but I am certainly far from last to get swine flu at the College. On Thursday night the doctors at St. Luke's hospital told me I had swine flu, and I've been making the best I can of it. I've been enjoying tracking how fast the virus could potentially be spreading, for example (this is all true): I was hanging out with person A who gave a hug to person B, person B hooked up with person C later that night, and person C is on the soccer team and shares a locker room with persons D, E, F, G, and H. All in all, the College is already an infectious hotbed. As I'm writing this, the guy next door has a fever of 101, and his roommate is well on the way. It is inevitable that everyone in this college is exposed to H1N1 and more likely than not it is already incubating in the majority already.

The good news? I feel better and my symptoms are almost all gone. The bad news? Everyone else is going to start feeling a lot worse, so to ease your pain. Here are some tips:

1. The masks the health center provides you with are uncomfortable, so get some high quality ones at any Rite Aid or CVS.
2. If you feel dizzy and can't walk in a straight line, it's time to call EMS.
3. Stock up on tissues.
4. You're going to sweat...a lot. Have laundry saved up.
5. Have stuff to do in your room to keep you busy for hours.
6. Make sure you have your health insurance card on you and that you know your social security number (this is important if you go to the hospital).
7. MOST IMPORTANTLY: if you visit the Health Center, *specifically* ask to be tested for the flu, as they won't do it automatically.

I would like to thank the EMS team, Campus Safety, the Health Center staff, and everyone at St. Luke's for taking care of me in this less than pleasant state.

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Junior girls do capital internships in D.C.

BY RAE LINDER
OP/ED WRITER

Muhlenberg encourages students to study abroad junior year, and we have many options. Exotic, discipline-specific programs like Maastricht and Goldsmiths may sway students with the opportunity to travel and speak foreign languages. And the Office of Global Education boasts about exposure to diverse traditions and perspectives through international programs. While this is all well and good, I am here to persuade and recruit for the Washington, DC semester.

In times of a skyrocketing unemployment rate, we're all forced to compete for jobs. Unfortunately, an undergraduate education, high GPA, and leadership in an extracurricular activity doesn't mean you'll get a job after graduation. Internships provide students with on-the-job training, professional references and resume credit. In Washington, DC, we have the chance to explore future career possibilities, while making connections and learning skills on site. A full-time internship (4 days/week) for a full semester (14 weeks) is well respected by organizations, and provides profitable development for students.

The College's Washington Semester is remarkably fun. The program sets up about 40 students from around the country in fully-furnished apartments with kitchens, living rooms, and balconies,

one block from the metro in Rosslyn, VA (just one stop from GWU). We work four days a week and reserve Wednesdays for field trips. Two favorites were the Newseum and Billy Crystal's 700 Sundays performance at the National Theatre. Students must register for two classes, which meet once a week at night. Plus, we get academic credit for everything.

To give you the run-down on our lives in the District, I interviewed a fellow junior, Andrea Ouellette, who is a double major in Communication and Spanish. In Washington, Andrea interns at Sutter's Mill Fund Raising & Strategy, which is a fund-raising office on Capitol Hill for 16 Democratic members of the House of Representatives. She starts by telling me, "Internships aren't glamorous," and I realize she may not have the most exciting typical day. When she arrives in the office at 8:30 am, she checks the headlines for information about the 16 House members she follows, and clips relevant articles.

Andrea works with the donor and lobbyist database updating the contact list with phone numbers, fax and e-mail addresses. From there, she uses the da-

tabase to check for those who have donated before. She highlights the relevant donors, so that later, when a House member is in her office, he or she can call the person directly. Andrea will then follow up by contacting the individual.

Andrea is often assigned tasks like filing checks for clients, running errands to the bank or congressional buildings and making phone calls. Her duties may, indeed, seem menial, but phone manner is an important skill. She also mentioned that many of the seven employees at Sutter's Mill had started as interns. So, interns are respected with the opportunity to be considered for a future job.

Andrea also works on networking and lobbying events. She enjoys watching the event go from an idea to a final product. She's attended an Orioles game, two professional lunches and one networking breakfast event. Meeting professionals at events is a great networking skill that everyone should have. Andrea's PR skills will continue to flourish, and she's building confidence to shake many hands and make connections for future jobs.

Andrea feels the internship is a fabulous learning experience and Sutter's

Mill is a good name to have on her resume. At interviews she can use them as an important reference.

Andrea will be studying abroad in Spain during the Spring 2010 semester and feels a little disconnected from the college community. She said, "I appreciate Muhlenberg for letting me do this and my opportunities are definitely worth it."

The Washington Semester is giving us an off-campus, independent and self-motivating experience. Andrea is challenging herself to make the most out of her internship and is loving DC in the process. The city is full of culture and she attends events in the community that would never be offered in Allentown.

The College typically sends 2-4 students to Washington per semester. Admittedly, I didn't decide to come to Washington until March. The program is often overlooked because it doesn't thrill people the way going overseas does. Sure, you won't get a world view or meet good-looking foreigners.

But, you will get a chance to become self-aware about your future career goals and meet interesting professionals in your field. And believe me, the program really does cater to all majors. As a business and theatre double major, I'm interning in entertainment marketing for film. If you have questions, please contact us.

Students must register for two classes, which meet once a week at night. Plus, we get academic credit for everything...

Mike Welsh, the man behind the t-shirts



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Can you believe another election is right around the corner? It seems like yesterday when crowds flocked to the polls for election day 2008. On Nov. 3, '09 there will be a series of local elections happening right here in Allentown and all across Lehigh County. One of the races that we, as the College community, should pay close attention to is the Lehigh County Commissioner's seat for the 4th District. Mike Welsh, a gentleman many of you may remember handing T-shirts out on election day at the polling center at William Allen High School, is a candidate for this commissioner seat.

Before we cast our votes next Tues.,

we should take some time and get to know the candidates who are running for office.

Not only are the candidates important, but learning about the issues that affect our community and college is equally important.

I recently met with Mike Welsh and had a chance to discuss his campaign and the issues he considers important here in Allentown.

Adam: Good morning Mike, how are you?

Mike: I'm doing well Adam, thanks.

Adam: I'd like to start off by asking you what office you are seeking on November 3, 2009?

Mike: Adam, I'm currently running for the Lehigh County Commissioner seat for the 4th Commissioner district. This district includes Allentown, Whitehall, and South Whitehall Townships.

Adam: What makes you a true representative of the Allentown area?

Mike: Well, I have lived here in Allentown with my wife Nancy and my children for the last twenty years. Believe it or not I live a few blocks away from Muhlenberg College. I have been active in this community and I'm familiar with the issues that affect Allentown.

Adam: Why did you decide to run for county commissioner?

Mike: You may remember last year, I became quite active in local politics when I ran as a candidate in this district for Pennsylvania State Representative. The race between Jennifer Mann and

myself was amicable and clean. After an unsuccessful bid for State Rep., Dean Browning, the Vice Chairman of the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners, asked me and my campaign manager, Martin Russo, about considering a run for county commissioner. After thinking about it, I decided I wanted to serve my community in another capacity. My goal then, and still continues to be, helping local communities fight crime by bringing local police forces to adequate levels.

Adam: Since Muhlenberg College happens to lie within the district you are running in, do you believe Muhlenberg students should become more involved in local politics? What impact can young voters have in local government?

Mike: Yes, students were part of a large voter turnout last year. Muhlenberg students had a major impact on the election results in 2008. Muhlenberg will again be critical in this election. Don't be surprised to see Nancy and I here on election day! I understand that students may feel a local election is less important, but in reality it is the opposite. This election will determine whether or not my efforts to improve safety near Muhlenberg will be put into action. If students are concerned about walking around campus at night or driving through Allentown, this election matters.

Adam: What is the current Board of Commissioners doing to fight the

deficit(which is in the millions) here in Lehigh County?

Mike: With the current state of the board, the county budget may pass as written by County Exec. Don Cunningham. The Board can stop this budget deficit if it votes it down and implement more change and less of the status-quo.

Adam: Within the last two months or so, the Muhlenberg student body has received emails sent by the campus safety and Allentown police officers. These emails described students' encounters with dangerous or suspicious activity on and around campus. Is this a sign of a looming wave of crime in Allentown? If so, do you believe crime will continue to breach our "Muhlenbubble?"

Mike: Yes, crime is on the rise here in Allentown. Being a resident here in Allentown, my focus on crime is genuine. I'm witnessing the side effects along with all of you. It is not only present in the urban area of Allentown, but has crept its way to this side of the city. When I ran for State Representative, one of my primary goals was to bring Allentown and Lehigh County police levels up. I want to be a leader when it comes to crime-fighting and police strengthening policy. I strongly believe a bill under consideration in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, House Bill 1189, should be enacted and put to good use helping our municipalities to beef up their police departments. This bill would bring adequate

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Terrorists: criminals, not supervillains

BY DAVID EISENBERG
OP/ED WRITER

At the very start of his time in office, President Obama made a wise decision to shut down the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, our most prominent, but by no means our only, overseas prison. Of course, this decision begged the question of what we should do with the people we hold there. There are some people in this country, including some at Muhlenberg and some who write for the Weekly, who think that we should not imprison suspected terrorists on American soil. Many of them feel that the only alternative, apart from simply letting them go, is to continue our policy of holding them indefinitely at our foreign prisons.

This debate most visibly and embarrassingly unfolded in the Senate earlier this year when senators from both parties called on the president to keep the suspected terrorists out of American-based military prisons. It was a classic case of the political phenomenon known as NIMBY, which stands for Not In My Backyard. Both Republican senators from Kansas and both Democratic senators from Virginia, which includes the usually cool and calculated Jim Webb, were hysterical at the concept of terrorists lurking on our soil and our military bases. With their help, the Senate overwhelmingly voted for a resolution declaring that terrorists cannot be held in

The fact is that in addition to many of these captives possibly not being terrorists, they are no different than criminals that we face in everyday life. Like American criminals, most foreign terrorists become who they are due to poverty and lack of education. Their actions may take a larger scale than your average burglar, murderer, or rapist, but many of them are motivated by religion because they have nowhere else to turn. By and large, your average terrorist is a follower, not a leader. However, our political leaders and thinkers feel that terrorist suspects are like cartoon supervillains that have the ability to wreak havoc should they escape from prison, and they use this as a reason to keep them off of foreign soil. Needless to say, holding terrorists in high-security prisons on American soil does not mean that they will break out with eye lasers or anger-fueled super strength. After all, they are only human, and they deserve the same treatment as any misguided criminal.

Besides, it's not like we don't have convicted terrorists in our prisons already. Before our current obsession with foreign terrorists and indefinite detentions, domestic terrorist Timothy McVeigh was put on trial, convicted and sentenced using the same due process that other criminals are subject to. More recently, Zacarias Moussaoui, the so-called "20th hijacker" in the 9/11 attacks, was arrested on American soil and

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Adderall & the peace process

BY BENJAMIN LEFFELL
OP/ED WRITER

Our society has developed a major and debilitating habit: we have embraced the "quick fix" as a viable solution to our problems. No longer do we seek to

solve the causes of problems, rather we simply seek to eliminate the symptoms of those problems.

The top selling drug in the country, Lipitor, is a medicine used to lower a person's blood cholesterol. Instead of a patient changing his eating or exercise habits, or really his lifestyle in general, doctors prescribe a pill that will seemingly fix his problem. We have to ask, what is the patient's problem, the high cholesterol or his lifestyle?

Another popular drug, that all college students are at least vaguely, if not intimately, familiar with, is Adderall, a drug designed for people with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. It does not cure the patient in any form, it merely masks their symptoms. This drug does the patient and certainly the recreational user a disservice, because rather than learning to cope with and compensate for an inability to sit still or pay attention for long periods of time, he uses a pill to temporarily hide the problem. Essentially, Lipitor and Adderall can be categorized as "quick fixes" for the consumer's much larger problems.

In order to solve the consumer's larger problems a tremendous amount of effort to reform his lifestyle would be necessary. Similarly, in diplomatic circles, there is the constant need to weigh the time and discipline necessary for real solutions against the desire for a "quick fix". In attempting to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, diplomats and negotiators try to differentiate and separate the primary or final status concerns from the secondary concerns. The primary negotiation concerns consist of the issues concerning final borders, Palestinian refugees, water rights, and determining the status of Jerusalem. The secondary concerns are in regard to Anti-Semitic incitements, acceptance of Israel's status as a Jewish state, and Palestinian political violence. In titling the concerns in such a manner, it prioritizes them in terms of what must be negotiated first and then what will be dealt with at a later point.

In many ways, the secondary concerns contain the understanding and mutual respect that would seemingly be necessary in order to settle the primary concerns. In this regard, the primary concerns are similar to the symptoms that are "quick fixed" by Lipitor and Adderall, while the secondary concerns parallel the cause of the symptoms. Curiously, it appears that if the secondary concerns were resolved first, then the primary matters of negotiations would be far simpler to settle.

It would take a painstaking amount of time and money in order to construct the institutions and infrastructure necessary to prevent Anti-Semitic incitements and to resolve Palestinian political violence as well as the other secondary concerns. This is similar to the increased discipline and creativity that would be necessary for someone to reform his lifestyle so they no longer need to take Lipitor and Adderall. Rather than take the extensive time and efforts to create the respect and understanding that would be necessary to solve the secondary concerns, we seek to simply eliminate the primary concerns (the symptoms). With the "quick fix" option, if diplomats and negotiators can produce an agreement regarding borders, water rights, and refugees, they would have saved both money and manpower. However, when the "quick fix" option fails time and again, it inevitably costs society more.

People might forget, but we are not the first generation to deal with high cholesterol, attention deficit disorders or hyperactivity disorders, we are just the first generation with pills to "fix" or, perhaps more accurately, mask those problems. In the past, people have had to come up with skills and methods to complete their work and chores despite those setbacks. In some cases, they even had to choose professions that more aptly suited their needs to be moving and changing tasks regularly. Perhaps, we should view the failures of the "quick fix" option over the last 30 years in Middle East diplomacy as a warning and be wary of these cure-all pills pervading our society. If we learn to fix what is actually wrong, then we have a chance to properly solve problems, not just mask the symptoms. Don't misunderstand this, it is imperative to be results oriented, but not at the expense of truly resolving the problems; like the famous Seinfeld mantra, "Serenity now, insanity later."

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was convicted of terrorism. He was sentenced to life in prison and- horror of horrors! - is currently at a high-security facility in Colorado.

Obviously, many terrorist suspects in our custody have neither been arrested in the United States nor been officially charged with any crime. We don't even know if some of them were actually terrorists at the time of their capture; though if they didn't harbor any ill will towards America before, they certainly do now. It is our duty to give them the same treatment as any criminal in a country with due process deserves: a formal criminal charge, a trial by jury, and- if he is found guilty- a sentence. It is less a question of citizenship with suspected terrorists than it is one of humanity. Our current system of indefinite detention and military tribunals only serves to alienate more people in countries that are both our allies and our enemies and, ironically enough, creates more terrorists willing to fight the United States. We need to stop treating terrorists like cartoon villains and start treating them like the people that they are, and we must also stop giving them other reasons to take up arms against us, like the destruction of their homes by our military and unmanned drones. We may not be able to completely wipe out terrorism, but if we treat terrorists with dignity, then that will deal a major blow to opportunists like al-Qaeda who seek to use the poor and uneducated for their own nefarious purposes.

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funding to local police forces and allow our county to increase its numbers. Don Cunningham and other

Democrats here in Lehigh should reach out to PA state legislators to pass House Bill 1189 and bring funding to this area. I will push for a stronger police presence. We don't want crime to escalate any further.

Adam: Campaigning can surely be stressful and tiresome. What have you most enjoyed during this campaign season?

Mike: To be honest, one of the most enjoyable parts of this race has been working and meeting with Muhlenberg students. I have been working with the Muhlenberg College Republicans since 2008. They have been involved and have been a great help. I had the chance to speak with students at the polls last year and found the student body to be caring and open minded. Seeing young people making a difference through their activism is great.

Adam: Let's say you were at the polls at this very moment, what would your message be to a prospective young voter?

Mike: I'd appreciate you giving me the opportunity to serve this community and be a leader in addressing crime here in Allentown and near Muhlenberg.

Adam: Thanks, Mike.

We have been reminded repeatedly not to sign any contract or document before reading it. Well, the same should hold true for an election. Do not cast your vote until you know who you are voting for.

For those of you who wear those catchy "Mike Welsh" T-shirts and for all Muhlenberg voters, I hope this interview has allowed you to see a different side of elections. Candidates for office are people first and politicians second. Mike Welsh is an Allentown native who wants nothing more than to build a safe, welcoming community.

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The haunting of Muhlenberg College

By MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

Urban legends have been dramatized and sensationalized across the world for centuries. Here at Muhlenberg, rumors run wild of haunted attics and dorm rooms. Other major campuses have been immortalized for their own legends, and numerous Internet sites and books are published to document them. The Lehigh Valley itself is no stranger to a good ghost story.

At Cedar Crest College it is common lore that the ghost of a student named Wanda haunts Butz Hall. According to legend, Wanda committed suicide in the same dormitory in 1956 and has been a permanent resident ever since. The Lehigh University has a mischievous male poltergeist that haunts the library stacks at night.

The King George Inn & Restaurant is one of Allentown's most visited haunted attractions. It has been widely reported that employees and customers have spotted a woman and a small child dressed in 1700's clothing. These apparitions have been seen in both the entrance hall and the dining area.

The most infamous haunting on the Muhlenberg campus is that of Oscar Bernheim. Differing versions of the tale state that Bernheim was either a former reg-

istrar or treasurer at Muhlenberg. All accounts agree that he left his estate to the college and that the house was on the south side of campus. Before the college demolished the residence, it was reported that Bernheim's ghost haunted the residence's attic, basement, rear garden, and the third floor bedroom where he died.

Interestingly enough, two tales have come from the Oscar Bernheim haunting depending on where one believes the home was built. According to campus administrators, the house was originally closer to the Trexler Pavilion. Most students, however, choose to believe the home was removed to make way for South Hall.

In this second version, the focus of the story turns to the importance of Bernheim's home garden. It is said that in his will he left specific instructions for the college to take care of his garden. Many students believe that the source of the ghost's frustration is that the college did not follow through with his wishes. According to campus legend, the only way to ward off the ghost is to keep a healthy plant in your room to pacify him.

"...the only way to ward off the ghost is to keep a healthy plant in your room..."

"My television has randomly turned on several times this semester," claims Dave Schutzbank '12, a current resident of South Hall. An anonymous resident reports "hearing strange noises" emanating from the cement walls of the lower floors. An entire suite of students, who wish to remain nameless, has had many of their belongings moved mysteriously around the room. "We used to think it was one of us," said one of the suite mates, "but I guess now we know the truth."

Students in South have all had their share of scares and apparently find it easy to blame the Bernheim ghost, but what about the administration? In 2002, it was reported to the Office of Residential Services (ORS) that one of the dorm rooms was being haunted. According to an investigation previously done by The Weekly, the complaints were taken very seriously. Members of ORS even went so far as to contact the on campus religious authorities to remedy the situation.

So while the facts seem to conclude that the haunting of South Hall is nothing more than the power of imagination and suggestion, the experiences of its residences tend to disagree. The only way to find out the truth is to walk the halls of South and see if the Bernheim ghost is willing to play.

Don't forget to bring a potted plant, just in case.

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medications such as acetaminophen which is found in Tylenol, or ibuprofen which is found in Motrin. You must notify your professors by email that you are missing class due to the flu. You should also notify Health Services (484-664-3199) and Residential Services (484-664-3180).

If you have the flu or flu-like symptoms and are unable to go home, you need to contact the Dean of Students Office (484-664-3182) for special permission to remain on campus. Students with flu-like symptoms who are unable to go home should not attend classes or any public gatherings, including eating within the dining halls or using the student union, library, or computer labs.

You should identify a friend to act as your "flu buddy." Utilizing a pass obtained through Health Services, your "flu buddy" can bring your meals to your room for you. Health Services will also supply you with a flu kit, which contains acetaminophen, ibuprofen, sore throat lozenges, and a surgical face mask. Wear the face mask whenever you come within six feet of another person (including walking through hallways and in the residence halls).

You should ask your well roommate to con-

tact Health Services to discuss possible alternative living arrangements for them. Lastly, if you are ill with the flu or flu-like symptoms and if you are remaining on campus, you should contact Health Services daily to monitor your progress.

If you are still afraid of catching the flu you should continue to take the following measures to prevent the transmission of infection on the campus.

First, clean your hands frequently with soap and warm water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers when water is not available. Second, avoid contact with people who are sick.

Third, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or sleeve.

Fourth, avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth. Fifth, get adequate sleep and good nutrition. Do not smoke or drink excessive amounts of alcohol.

If you think your roommate may have flu symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny or stuffy nose, or sore throat, you should recommend that they go to Health Services for evaluation.

Lastly, if Health Services determines that the student has the flu or influenza like illness, self isolation of the

student will be recommended. Students with flu-like illness are expected to leave campus and return home to rest and recover. They may return to campus 24 hours after the fever has resolved without the use of fever reducing medication.

Students and staff all have opinions on how they believe the school is handling the prevention of the flu. Senior Noel Artigliere said, "I think the college is doing an okay job handling it but because I live off campus I don't feel the urgency they are trying to convey."

Freshmen Amy Lazarus and Alycia Kuba think that the college is doing a good job overall.

On the other hand, freshmen Mallory Gold and Hannah Watson do not think that is being handled well and believe that

more information needs to be given out.

A business officer at the college has said, "they have done everything possible to help prevent the spread, now it is the responsibility of the individual to heed the warnings."

For more information, an evaluation, or to request upcoming vaccine information please speak with the Health Center.

"...cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or sleeve."

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Studying sustainability

BY CAROLINE AIKEN
NEWS WRITER

Don't know what to study? An education in Sustainability Studies may make you more marketable in a changing economy.

Even though our economy may be unstable, colleges are certainly not ditching their green efforts. With a growing environmentally conscious younger generation, many colleges have instituted Sustainability Studies majors and/or minors to address and solve local and global environmental problems.

The new Sustainability Studies minor at the College is uniquely designed to educate students about current unsustainable practices and possible ways to improve and fix them.

Dr. Niesenbaum, the Director of the Sustainability Studies Program, describes its distinguishing qualities. "The program is broadly interdisciplinary, novel, and uses a combination of theoretical and applied approaches," he says. With ease, he differentiates the program from those at other schools that he actually consulted in creating the proposal for. "Sustainability Studies programs at some other schools are more technical and less interdisciplinary than ours. You can take literature and art classes here that will count towards the minor," Dr. Niesenbaum explains. He hopes that this fact will attract students from a variety of interests and majors.

Altogether, six courses are required for the minor: two theory and representation courses, two sustainability and practice courses, one course focused on the community level, and one focused on sustainable solutions. Some examples of courses offered that fulfill the minor requirements are "Concepts of Biology: Crisis Earth," "City, Frontier, and Empire in American Literature," and "Environmental and Cultural Conservation in Costa Rica." Different majors create more diverse perspectives within the program. Dr. Niesenbaum hopes this will allow for collaboration in generating solutions to current environmental problems.

A larger school, New York University (NYU), also offers a Sustainability Studies program in its College of Arts and Sciences entitled "Environmental Studies." As described on the NYU's environmental studies website, this program "aims to provide students with the breadth of understanding and the skills necessary for resolving environmental questions and creating a sustainable future on scale ranging from local to global." This particular program provides opportunities for students to develop interests in areas such as environmental values, policy and law, earth system science, public health, and climate change.

Niesenbaum points out that having an educational background in sustainability studies helps to gear a student toward a green job or graduate school. In any major, it is possible to find a job related to sustainability work. In consideration of the consumer's desire to purchase eco-friendly products, companies that are looking to become more environmentally conscious covet students who have knowledge of sustainability.

The program provides useful skills in environmental jobs and also in other areas of work. Knowledge and education in sustainability practices is beneficial in a world that is currently turning to younger generations for solutions to problems that have built up over the years.

Within the past few years, the concern for better sustainability practices has grown tremendously, especially among student populations. Students are constantly aware of the changing economy and the current unsustainable practices that exist within our nation, and on a larger scale, our world. It is not enough just to be aware. Sustainability studies programs like the one at the College are designed to teach students effective ways in which they can articulate their concerns and devise real, meaningful solutions.

The Latin Mix

BY MARIA ASAYAG
NEWS WRITER

There are some things that people miss the most while being away from home. For some, it's their cozy bed or their mother's homemade chili. For Latino students

at the College, it's their culture. This academic year, the campus is home to 2,180 students. Only 3.63%, or 79 students, are Latino. This number pales in comparison to statistics nationwide that demonstrate Latinos as the youngest and fastest growing ethnic group in the United States. The Latino population shows no signs of slowing down.

Latino representation in higher education continues to grow on a yearly basis. Between 2000 and 2005, the number of Hispanics enrolled in an undergraduate education increased about 30%, compared to only 10% for whites, 28% for blacks, and 16% for Asians. They have increased their associate degree attainment by a staggering 125% and bachelor degree attainment 88% in the last 10 years. Somehow, the increasing presence of Latinos on college campuses hasn't translated into the student demographics here. With news headlines featuring Muhlenberg as "An unlikely magnet for Jewish students," Latinos on this campus are few.

Diego Gomez is a senior at the College and is a native of Colombia. Being Latino in a predominately white campus is something that Diego has come to terms with, but still feels "out-of-place." Diego admits, "Being in this school deprives me from my culture and interacting with those who really understand who I am because they know where I come from. I believe there needs to be more Latinos in this school who actually know the Latino culture and are not ashamed to live by it in a predominantly Jewish school." The College is aware that the Latino population is underrepresented and they are trying their hardest to change this.

Collaborative efforts have been made by the college to celebrate Latino diversity on campus. The College celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month every October by having Latin Heritage Week. The events, which are sponsored by Comunidad Latina and the Multicultural Center, feature everything from discussions on ethnicity to Latin dance lessons. Even the Garden Room, the largest dining facility on campus, alters their menus and offers a wide array of Latin food in recognition of Latin Heritage Month. But the question that Diego and other Latino students ask themselves still remains: are these efforts enough?

For senior Max Peckerman, it is. Max, of Dominican descent, feels that the efforts by the College to maintain a vibrant Latino community are worth noting. "We have a group that is supposed to promote our presence here on campus and it serves its purpose. We make our presence known through Latin Heritage Week and activities that represent our culture and traditions. I am content with my experience as a Latino on this campus." For Max, standing out as a multicultural student is one of his favorite things about being Latino on campus. "People acknowledge that I am different and, yes, I am okay with that, it adds more insight and diversity into Latino culture and tradition."

Underrepresented or not, Latinos are happy to be on campus. Latino is used to describe a people who celebrate this intangible cultural link, the similarity of the way families raised them, the warmth of their personalities and their connection to history. Latinos use these qualities to contribute to the College community in a positive way. By cultivating this identity on the College campus, students can build a stronger, more diverse college. One where all races can contribute equally to develop a more powerful community.

"Under-represented or not, Latinos are happy to be on campus."

Thanksgiving 2009
Residential Services

Thanksgiving Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on November 24th at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on November 29th at 10:00 a.m.
(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
International Students
Students living more than 300 miles from campus
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If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 16th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

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tifying the income tax and networking skills.

The weekend is not just about attending lectures and learning skill sets. "We try to make it fun," says Ambrose. "After all, it is their senior year." The evening cook-off on Fri., Jan. 15 brings together special guest chefs. Last year these guest chefs included Dean Green, Mike Bruckner, and an alumnus featured on the Food Network.

Sat., Jan. 16 is the Alumni Networking Reception hosted at the Allentown Art Museum. This event provides students a chance to demonstrate their newfound skills and knowledge base while meeting with alumni. There was a strong impression made on the alumni last year. Ambrose was even contacted after the event by alumni who wished to express how impressed they were with the seniors involved in the program. "That's what I find the most rewarding about the program," Ambrose states, "seeing the change in confidence in students in just a three day period."

While the program has a cost of \$100 per participant, the program seems well worth it. The cost goes towards providing food for the students during the weekend, renting the museum for the alumni dinner, and bringing guest speakers to campus to provide real world knowledge. Student attendance at events will reward them with knowledge of what to expect in the world of the working.

For more information on Reality MC visit their website based off the College webpage.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 19 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused transport to the hospital.

Oct. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from a toaster oven. The officer told the residents to discard their toaster oven and coffee maker. There was no further incident.

Oct. 19 – Found Property – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a found student ID. The item was brought to Campus Safety and an email was sent to the owner to pick it up.

Oct. 19 – Found Property – At the football stadium, a reporting party turned in several items found at the stadium. All of the items were placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 419 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food from cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 19 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Prosser Hall Main, first floor, there was a report of an odor of marijuana coming from a room. The room was identified and the individual turned over the green vegetable matter, which tested positive for marijuana. Pipes were also turned over. All items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students for drug possession.

Oct. 20 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a student with flu-like symptoms. The Health Center was notified. The student returned to their room and advised to contact Campus Safety if the symptoms worsened.

Oct. 20 – Found Property – At 2317 Liberty St., a reporting party turned in a set of keys that was found. The items were placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 20 – Found Property – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of one woman's high heel shoe. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2259 Turner St., building #1, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 20 – Institutional Vandalism – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism to a pillar. The unknown individuals peeled paint from the columns and railings between the first and second floor. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 20 – Found Property – On campus, a reporting party turned in two keys on a key ring. One key was for a student's room and the other key was for an academic building. The student was identified and was given the key to their room. The academic key is still in possession of Campus Safety. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 20 – Found Property – In the commuter parking lot, a vehicle remote was found in the Village upper parking lot. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 20 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a report of a marijuana odor from a room. Green vegetable matter, which

tested positive for marijuana and various items of paraphernalia were found. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 20 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Benfer Hall, second floor, while investigating another call, an officer found a smoke detector covered. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be issued and the incident was referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 20 – Injured Student – In East Hall, block C, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 21 – Sick Student – At 2267 Turner St., building #4, first floor, there was a report made of a sick student. The Health Center was notified immediately and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 21 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, a reporting party turned in a found sweatshirt. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 22 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found credit card. The item was placed in the evidence locker. The owner was notified and will pick up the card.

Oct. 22 – Fire/Safety Violation – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a covered smoke detector found during a scheduled house inspection. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 22 – Found Property – In the Brown Mall, a reporting party found an ID bracelet. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 22 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, a reporting party turned in several found CDs. The items were placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 22 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt popcorn. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 22 – Hit and Run – On N. 26th St., there was a report of a hit and run to a vehicle possibly occurring between 4:00pm and 8:00pm on Oct. 17. There were no suspects at the time of the report but the vehicle description was provided. A vehicle matching the description was located and an officer spoke with the driver. There was no further incident.

Oct. 22 – Noise Complaint – Off campus, there was a noise complaint. The caller requested that Allentown Police Department respond.

Oct. 23 – Disorderly Conduct – In the Brown Mall, there was a report of disorderly conduct where a student damaged property. One individual was identified as the owner of the property being destroyed. The individual was advised to clean up the area. The matter will be sent to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 23 – Noise Complaint – On Liberty St., there was a noise complaint at an off campus property. Allentown Police Department responded and a Disruptive Conduct Report was issued. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 23 – Harassment – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, students were followed from Wawa to campus after hearing derogatory comments from occupants of the suspect's vehicle. Officers responded

with Allentown Police Department. A non-student was arrested by Allentown Police Department for Public Drunkenness and will be sent a letter of trespass. Two other occupants of the vehicle had fled the scene.

Oct. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 407/209 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. The officer stated that the students were using a fog machine with activated the alarm. The alarm was silenced and reset without incident.

Oct. 23 – Found Property – In Walz Hall, third floor, Plant Operations received a work order about a necklace in the drain but received no name of whom it belongs to. The item was placed in the evidence locker until the owner identifies the item.

Oct. 23 – Flames/Smoke Visible – At 2238 Chew St. (Hillel), a reporting party stated that sparks were seen coming from an electrical pole to the rear of 2238 Chew St. and flames were shooting down to the grass area. Allentown Fire Department was notified. The Fire Department stated that there was no fire and will contact PPL to repair the equipment.

Oct. 24 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a sick student found vomiting in the boys' bathroom due to alcohol consumption. Muhlenberg College EMS was paged and responded. Allentown EMS also responded. The student will be cited for underage consumption by the Allentown Police Department. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 24 – Disruptive Conduct – At 429 N. 23rd St., there was a noise complaint made by students and neighbors. Allentown Police Department responded and will be issuing a Disruptive Conduct report. The residents will receive a Disruptive Conduct report from the College as well. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 24 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, Transport – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a sick student due to alcohol consumption. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was arrested and transported by Allentown Police Department for Public Drunkenness.

Oct. 24 – Sick Student – At 2263 Turner St., building #2, third floor, there was a report of a student feeling sick. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 24 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, a shuttle bus was in a fender bender on I-78. In avoiding another accident, the bus hit the concrete median causing minor damage. The bus occupants reported no injuries at the time of the incident. Two students in the bus later reported injuries and were transported to the hospital by Muhlenberg College EMS after the Health Center was notified.

Oct. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau (Hillside House), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. The system could not be reset at the time. The fraternity contacted the alarm company to address the problem.

Oct. 24 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Allentown Fire Department responded due to fire alarm activation due to the smoke detector going off. The alarm was silenced and reset. The Fire Department responded a second time for a similar incident a short while later.

Oct. 24 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 2201 Chew St., an officer observed a group of students laughing at a stu-

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dent outside of the building vomiting. The group of students fled as the officer approached. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS was called. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students office for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 25 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall Main, third floor, a sick student was found vomiting in the boys' bathroom due to consumption of 12 shots of vodka within two hours. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual was transported to the hospital by Muhlenberg College EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 25 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a sick student vomiting due to alcohol (vodka) consumption. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual was transported to the hospital by Muhlenberg College EMS. Referred to the Dean of Students office.

Oct. 25 - Simple Assault - On N. 22nd St., Allentown Police Department responded to an assault of a non-student in the area of 22nd and Liberty St. The victim could not describe the attackers but they were believed to have used items to hit the individual. Suspects were reported to be driving a white Lexus and reportedly had bald or shaved hairstyles. Allentown Police Department and Muhlenberg Campus Safety checked the area and no vehicle was observed in the vicinity. The incident is being investigated by the Allentown Police Department.

Oct. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At the Phi Kappa Tau residence (Hillside House), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding multiple times in a short period of time. The system will be checked.

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Bat Boy: The Musical flies high

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE WRITER

performances this past weekend, Halloween weekend of the show will most definitely be sold out!

While every piece of art can be critiqued and criticized for its flaws, I found it hard to criticize any aspect of this play.

I was hooked from the start of the show and couldn't stop thinking about it until long after it was over. Not only do the beautiful voices of the actors and actresses stay with you throughout the rest of the day, but you also leave the theater with newfound wisdom.

I would hope that every Muhlenberg student would attend this play because it is a great experience and has something for everyone. It has romance for the students who wish to see love bloom right in front of their eyes, suspense for the students who desire to be kept on the edge of their seat, and despair for the students who are in need of a good cry. It has sex, which let's face it, is a main attraction for many young people. Mostly; however, the play awakens the mind and heart of every person in the audience.

Every audience member was attentive with his or her eyes wide open, laughed with each joke, cried

Hurry and get your tickets for *Bat Boy*!

As a result of the

when they felt the character's pain, and produced applause that reverberated around the theater. The plot is unconventional and would not be considered a classic. I thought that this might hinder old-fashioned parents from wanting to see it, but then I realized that the unconventionality of it is what makes the play worthwhile. Unconventional is beautiful. We all have our quirks, but that just makes us who we are.

The story begins in a cave where three siblings are exploring and fooling around with one another. They are suddenly terrified when they spot a mysterious looking creature in the darkness of the cave. When they get close enough to see the creature in great detail, they realize he is half-bat and half-boy. The three siblings begin to taunt Bat Boy and, like any animal, he attacks Ruthie,

one of the siblings, biting her and sending her to the hospital. Meanwhile, the other two siblings kidnap Bat Boy and hand him over to the sheriff of Hope Falls, West Virginia, where the story is set. The sheriff decides to deliver the creature to a local doctor named Dr. Thomas Parker. When the creature arrives at the Parker residence, he evokes different emotions out of each family member. Mrs. Parker takes a great liking to Bat Boy, but her daughter, Shelly, is unsure of him at first. Mrs. Parker wants Bat Boy to be a part of her family and, to her husband's dismay, she gives him a real name and teaches him how to be a man. While Bat Boy turns into a man, Shelly develops new feelings for him, as does the town. The town members are angry with Bat Boy and his interaction with Ruthie. They blame him for their trouble with cattle and hope that he will not partake in local town events. Bat Boy tries to assure

them of his change in behavior and heart, but despite the efforts of the town members, they are unable to see past what they think they know. In addition, there are more deaths occurring than just the cows, and everyone wants to know who is responsible. Just when the audience thinks they have everything figured out, a surprise twist leaves the audience shocked and breathless, wanting more. This is just a taste of the fascinating story of *Bat Boy*. The audience will attend the play for the story but stay for the talent. I can't completely convey just how



Scenes from the great *Bat Boy* musical

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talented the actors and actresses are, which is why you must see it for yourself.

Jeramie F. Mayes, '12 does the character of Bat Boy a great service. He adds depth to the character and his voice is powerful and clear. Every girl can relate to Shelly and her developing feelings for Bat Boy. Leah Holleran, '12 does a fabulous job portraying the teenage girl, as she brilliantly adds sass and comedy to her character. You love to hate Dr. Parker who is played by the very talented Eric Thompson, '10. You fall in love with Mrs. Parker for her kindness which Denise Ozer, '10 displays eloquently. Not to mention actors such as Gabe Martinez, '10, Grant Harris, '10 Nick Flatto, '10 and Kimberly Fanok, '12 who each play four different roles so smoothly and richly that you are almost in shock of how they pulled it off. The College's theatre highlights the talent of everyone in the cast. Even the people listed as ensemble members seem as though they are main characters, providing strong harmonies and voices. Without them the show would not be as great as it is. The scenery and the costumes were a brilliant depiction of West Virginia. Thanks should also go to the directors and crew without whom the show would not be possible. Important numbers to look forward to are "Hold Me, Bat Boy," "Christian Charity," "Dance With Me Darling," "A Home for You," and "Inside Your Heart."

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Hey, Did you know?!

THURSDAY - Sandellas closes at 4pm

FRIDAY - Come celebrate the "Beam Topping" during lunch in the Garden Room. Also, Garden Room dinner will be held in the Great Room.

SATURDAY - Garden Room lunch held in the Field House.

SUNDAY - Family Brunch in the Garden Room
Share your college experience with your family!

(All) Women are sluts and (all) men are champions!(!?)

By KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

I am going to start this column with a grossly generalized statement whose unsubstantiated basis invalidates my primary argument through a perpetuation of the very stereotypes I so admirably wish to dismiss. Wait, it seems that my job has already been done for me. I am referring to, of course, last week's article in the Weekly, titled "Women are Sluts and Men are Champions." I've been approached by several people recently, each of whom was offended on several levels at the content and quality of this article in question.

For those who might have missed the article I'm commenting about, let me sum it up for you. A modern-day treatise on an age-old dilemma, this article tackles, or rather belligerently staggers, through the prevailing, and quite sexist, double standard inherent between men and women, particularly when it comes to sexual history. The article opens with a "typical conversation from a typical Saturday night at a typical party" shared between whom we assume to be two typical men, and thusly bigoted pimps speaking in the sweet colloquialisms of the late 90's.

The two men, affectionately labeled #1 and #2, discuss the tantalizingly titillating prospects of wrangling their sixth girl of the week, this time considering the ever-coveted and clearly distinctive "girl in the short skirt with the big boobs." #2, the satyriasis-plagued ladies-man he is, suddenly contemplates what his gym teacher has told him all-along: if he has sex he is going to get herpes and die. With this sudden epitome, he declares a new chastity in the name of sexual integrity. Due to his unparalleled grasp of probability theory, #1 realizes that though the last five girls he boinked where most likely prude-virgin-types (because who wouldn't want to be deflowered by someone with the name #2?), girls with short skirts and big boobs are even bigger trouble. However, his less capable friend, #1, wonders what his broseph has been smoking and asks, as if part of a terrible exposition, "What's wrong with that chic?" #1 is of course not referring to the chick herself, but rather the current chic of collecting notches on your bed post like they are pokemon cards or crazy bones, as that is currently in the vogue. Either way, the moral of the story is that this conversation conclusively proves "that men are mean, shallow and most importantly hypocrites!" Apparently, it has become detrimental and utterly sexist for a guy to consider the prior sexual expeditions of his potential partner. This inherent sexism arises from the well-validated fact that "[all] women look at a guy for his personality most of the time and his looks too, but they never give girlfriends and hook-ups that much consideration." This is due primarily due to the fact that women can't get STDs and are wise enough to give their man "the benefit of the doubt" that he probably doesn't have the herp and gravity is so in his favor this time. Men however, are selfish when they always care about such silly unimportant things. Mostly they only have sex anyway to "bond over how many women they can get in a week and [to] refer to themselves as 'champions'."

I'll be the first to admit that a good majority of my guy friends were earned

through my reputation as a gladiator in the sexual arena. Meanwhile, women have the common decency to be "scared to share with [their] own best friends, who are females, about the two guys they might have kissed in one night for fear they might be scorned or looked upon as a 'slut'." Women also have the common decency to only have best friends that are girls, to not fulfill any of the requirements of said title "best friend," and to also be as at fault for this double standard as men are. But wait, then what was this article arguing? Oh yeah, "why this stereotype of men and women still exists". Answer: because of articles like this, which are simply accusatory at best.

Yes, I have made fun of this article for some of its own hypocrisies and oversights, but there are important lessons to be gained from it. Like reminding us "whatever happened to [boobs and butts] being sacred and never talked about unless it was in private discussion between two lovers." I agree with the author, the best way to hold body parts sacred is to write a sex article. At least, that's why I do it. Not only does this make everyone more comfortable with each other's and their own bodies, it gives us more time to talk about other things.

If people weren't always talking about sex, we could be talking "about more important things, like finding a cure to cancer or exterminating world hunger." If we just talked more on those issues they would be cured. Think about it, cancer is like a riddle, you have to flesh it out, and if you didn't talk about boobs, less people would be hungry, because boobies always make me hungry. All those memories of breast feeding, I guess. So I'll do my part and say that, yes, I am for curing cancer and ending world hunger. But wait, forget about all that because there are more important things at hand!

Did you know that "at a party one should expect to leave with someone and participate in heavy-duty sexual activity?" No wonder guys are such creeps, they are SUPPOSED to expect that you'll have sex with them, it's only right. After doing much research, my esteemed colleague has come to the conclusion that, "judging by . . . the stories I have heard thus far, all people want to do at a party is find someone they can have sex with or play with sexually."

Once more I'll admit it, I've been caught. At last semester's end of the year work party, I expected some serious action, and, yes, I wanted to play sexually, and, yes, that means naked twister. Honestly, I've never been to a party that hasn't been an orgy, and most of the time when I think people are dancing they are actually just having sex. After all, "a person apparently does not go to a party to engage in an interesting conversation, or dance to music." I agree with my colleague and I would also like "to see people leaving a party to have a heated debate about politics or to hang out as friends, not as a one-time sexual fling." Why make babies when you can make friends instead?

In an attempt to make up for what may seem as an injustice, I will make a shameless plug in your name: vote for Torie Paone for Student Government President and Coordinator! She'll kiss you, so don't remiss!



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Fri. Oct. 30

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Doctors of Rock play in the Red Door at 9:30 pm

Sat. Oct 31

Interplay takes place in the recital hall in the Center for the Arts from 8:00-10:00 pm

UP shows in the Red Door at 1:00 pm

Sun. Oct. 18

Bat Boy plays in the Center for the Arts from 2:00-5:00 pm

World Series party at Hillel starting at 8:20 pm

Paranormal Activity scares audiences

BY RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

Paranormal Activity has no problem living up to its name!

This seemingly low budget thriller not only succeeds in staying unnervingly real but it is all your "paranormal" nightmares rolled into one movie.

Its realistic dialogue and terror, totally engages the audience as they live through the shock and panic of the mysterious, which besieges our unknown actors as the movie progresses. Immersed in the true horror of the characters' situation,

while trapped within the four walls of the movie theatre, the audience's fear feeds off the fear of the characters they are watching, and the reality of it all nauseates the insides, blows a cool chill on the back of the neck and makes every person in the theater quiver.

Being called the scariest movie of the year, it would seem that *Paranormal Activity* would have some big shoes to fill. But

The movie opens to a couple Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat already involved in demonic disturbance and the unexplained, "things that go bump in the night." Responding in a typical female style, Katie's fear appears to be real, while Micah's manly, more camouflaged reflex, seems childish and somewhat comedic. The haunting gets worse as Micah continues to agitate the demonic entity through constant badgering and egging on.

As Katie's fear fuels the pulse of the movie, Micah's disbelieving attitude drives the consistency of the paranormal activity which, in turn, adds to her terror and ours.

The audience begs him to stop, but his relentless pursuit adds chills to the core of the body and makes every audience member jump out of their seat.

In *Blair Witch* style filming, in which a hand held camera is used to shoot the action throughout the entire movie, the movie viewers never get to relax and, as a result, their pulse stays rapid, as they flinch and jump their way through the emotional trauma that is encircling the characters' home.

This is a movie that will give you the chills and that will stay with you long after you've left the theater. So, if you choose to see *Paranormal Activity*, be prepared to scream.

AMC Weekend Listings



Astro Boy

Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
Sat. 5:00, 7:15, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:15

Cirque du Freak

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Saw VI

Fri. 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:20, 4:40, 7:30

Couples Retreat

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
Sun. 1:20, 4:30, 7:20

Law Abiding Citizen

Fri. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 7:40

Michael Jackson's This Is It

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What are your plans for surviving the impending zombie apocalypse?



"Make a fort on top of Victor's Lament and stockpile poparts and nerf guns."
-Rachel Brown, '12



"I already got my swine-flu shot so I should be pretty safe."
-Scott Kanner, '12



"Hang out at Wegman's because zombies don't like people food, just people as food."
-Caroline Godanos, '12



"Stock up on handgun ammo, aim for the kneecaps, and press 'X' repeatedly."
-Jon Blau, '12



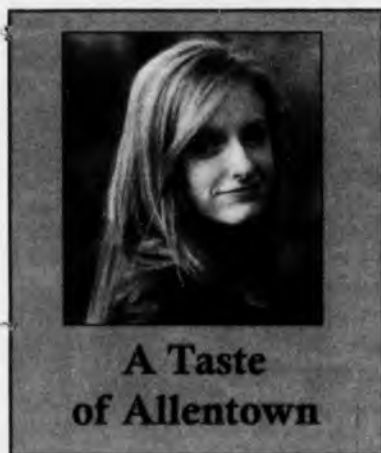
"Weapon of choice? Blunt object in the left hand, Hattori Hanzo in the right."
-Julia DeMillo, '10



"Gingers don't have souls so I'm not too worried about it."
-Lauren Pappacena, '12

Courtesy of Kevin Tomasura

Bellissimo: an Italian oasis



BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE COLUMNIST

This past Friday night, my friends Jackie, Hayley, and Mckenzie accompanied me to Bellissimo Ristorante, a charming Italian restaurant at 1243 Tilghman Street in Allentown.

The cozy, inviting atmosphere immediately inspires warm feelings for this restaurant. The seating area consists of both comfortable booths and classy tables that accommodate groups of any size. Wine bottles on shelves decorate the walls, along with intimate candle-light and Roman statues outside. The Italian stylings

"Wine bottles on shelves decorate the walls, along with intimate candle-light and Roman statues outside."

of Il Divo and Dean Martin float throughout the air. You definitely get the Italian experience at Bellissimo.

We made a reservation, but we would have been fine without one. Our server was wonderful. He was one of the nicest waiters I've ever had and he always made sure that we had everything we needed.

Just like at any Italian restaurant, bread is brought to the table, but what I loved about this place is that the rolls are brought with olive oil and garlic already on them! The rolls smelled so good and they were warm like they just had come out of the oven. I ate four of them and each one was better than the last.

We were given our menus right away and our waiter explained everything that we had questions about. The menu has numerous options that appeal to any type of eater; I doubt that anyone could have trouble finding something that appeals to them. Mckenzie, who had been to Bellissimo before, had told us about the large portions that the restaurant provides. She said that ordering an appetizer may not be the best idea, "unless you're prepared to take a lot of food home with you." However, the appetizer menu had Bruschetta on the list, and I love Bruschetta so much that I just had to get it. I absolutely recommend the Bruschetta to anyone who likes bread, tomatoes, and basil—it was amazing!

Our entrees arrived at the perfect time, not too long after our appetizers but not

directly after either. Mckenzie, who is gluten-intolerant, ordered the chicken and broccoli entree because she "got that last time she was here and it's just so good." This dish is not only a great menu item, but it's a wonderful gluten-free option that provides a nice break from what is offered at the Garden Room. Jackie ordered the fettuccini with meatballs and marinara sauce, which she says was really good and really filling. The meatballs were massive. Hayley ordered the stuffed shells, which she enthusiastically called "excellent." I ordered the mussels marinara off of their seafood selection—I can never get enough seafood—which came with a choice of a type of pasta that came with the mussels.

I'm from a suburb outside Boston, and having eaten mussels in the North End, I was curious to find out how their mussels would stack up to Boston's. I am happy to report that the mussels at Bellissimo are some of the best I've ever eaten. I'm always hesitant to order mussels because sometimes they end up smelling like the bottom of a harbor, but these were beyond good. The marinara sauce they were presented in was perfect, and the angel hair pasta that I ordered to go under the mussels tasted awesome and homemade, and I don't doubt that it was.

We recommend anything that looks good, because everything we had was so good that we doubt there is anyway you could go wrong with the rest of the menu. But a word for the wise: be prepared to take food home with you because there is a high chance you will need to, even if you don't order an appetizer.

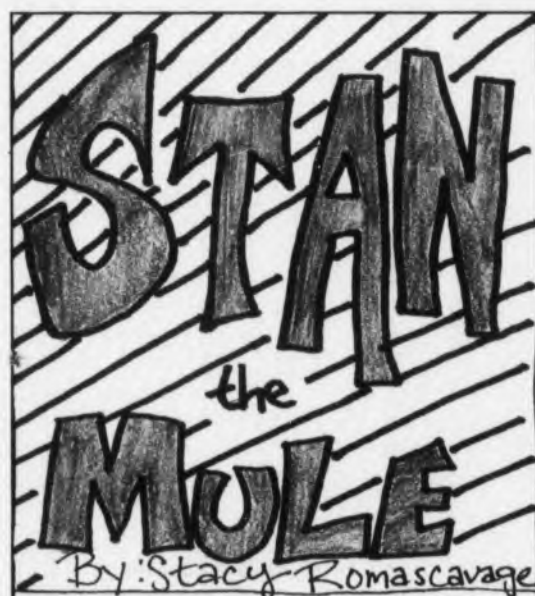
The dessert menu is brought out on a platter so you're able to see what you want to order, and there is also a whole sorbet menu with more desserts. Our waiter said that his two biggest draws are the chocolate volcano cake and the tiramisu. They all looked fantastic, so it was difficult to make a decision on just one, but since I'm a huge chocolate fan, I ordered the chocolate volcano cake. Jackie and I split the cake, which was a small chocolate bunt cake with molten chocolate sauce in the middle and dollops of whipped cream on the sides. Needless to say, it was really good.

The prices at this restaurant are what's expected for an Italian restaurant, not too pricey, but not too cheap either. I would say that the prices are worth the amount of food that you get, because you can absolutely take it home and it's great for lunch or dinner the next day.

This restaurant is great for a group of any size, from a date, to a night out with a bunch of friends, and is definitely ready to accommodate.

I am absolutely certain that this quaint restaurant will live up to anyone's expectations.

For more information check out their website: bellissimoristorante.com



Muhlenberg Ice Hockey wins two in one weekend

By DANNY LEWICKI
SPORTS WRITER

Going into the weekend, Muhlenberg was looking for their first win overall in the 2009-10 hockey season. After dropping their first Great Northeast Collegiate Hockey Conference (GNCHC) game to Bucknell last week, Muhlenberg came out with two strong showings and defeated NJIT by a score of 7-2 and beat LaSalle University in a close 4-3 game.

On Friday night, NJIT came to the Lehigh Valley in hopes of handing Muhlenberg their second league loss of the season. However, the Mules had other ideas, as they finally showed up to play, putting their first tally in the win column.

The game was extremely intense and rough, to say the least, with 150 penalty minutes being handed out between the two teams. NJIT opened the scoring with a power play goal early in the first period, but Sophomore Alex Lieberman tied the game up just a few minutes later and Freshman Zach Weiner scored twice to put the Mules up 3-1. Freshman Mike Moffat and Sophomore Cody McKinney scored as well, in addition to Sophomore Andrew Milanesi. Lieberman also added a second goal late in the third period to ice the game.

In the second period, the reins broke loose and a big fight broke out between two Muhlenberg players and two NJIT players. Sophomore Mike McClellan and freshman Mike Arbittier were handed five-minute majors for fighting and a game misconduct. They were also suspended for the next day's game. The two NJIT players also were suspended.

Then, at the end of the third period, Senior Mike Sullivan was handed a ten-

minute misconduct, as was Lieberman, for their parts in a scrum in front of the Muhlenberg bench.

Senior Goaltender David Emerson made 34 saves on 36 shots for an impressive .944 save percentage.

On Saturday night, Muhlenberg travelled to LaSalle University for their second away game of the season, in hopes of putting another "W" in the win column. Muhlenberg came out a bit slowly, but ultimately picked up the pace, winning 4-3.

Freshman Ross Miller scored two goals, including a deflection while falling down in front of the net.

Milanesi scored the game winner early in the third period on a beautiful feed from linemate McKinney on a two-on-one.

The game was fast paced with some good, hard checks. Muhlenberg was often stuck in their zone for a few minutes at a time, but ultimately, their defense and Goaltender Emerson came up big, not allowing LaSalle to tie the game and send it to overtime.

Emerson made 38 saves on 41 shots, bringing his save percentage this season to .950, which is second in the league.

Muhlenberg has a big game during parents weekend against Scranton, the team that defeated the Mules in last year's championship game, returns to the Lehigh Valley for a championship rematch. Saturday night, Muhlenberg travels to Franklin and Marshall for an away game.

Friday night's game can be seen at the Rinks at Lehigh Valley at 7:45 PM.

Keith Yandle becomes a single oasis in the desert

By ALAN BASS
SPORTS WRITER

With all the financial and legal problems going on in the desert, there hasn't been too much to gloat about in Phoenix.

Yet with 23-year-old defenseman Keith Yandle continuing to improve, Coyotes fans could very well find themselves cheering on a nightly basis.

"He is just now evolving into the player that he is going to be for the next few years," Coyotes GM Don Maloney said. "I thought Keith, last season, was one of the few players who showed improvement."

As a young player in the Quebec Major Junior League, Yandle put up 84 points in 66 games with the Moncton Wildcats, in addition to an intriguing 109 penalty minutes. Yandle showed that he was an exceptionally talented offensive defenseman, one that could put up points with ease.

In fact, Yandle impressed so many people, he was awarded the Emile Bouchard Trophy as the QMJHL's top defenseman in 2005-06.

"It was big for me, especially going into a different league and country," said Yandle. "It was great, just getting my name out there and getting recognized for all the hard work I put in. It helped me get to the next level and make the jump. It meant a lot to me."

He spent the next year in the American League with the San Antonio Rampage, scoring 33 points in 69 games. When he finally reached the NHL, Yandle put up 44 points in his first 119 games.

However, many people, including Maloney thought that Yandle was sacrificing defensive positioning in order to put up numbers.

"A lot of those offensive-minded players are like that," Maloney said, "So I think you want to be able to play him on the ice in those tight games when the games are close."

But in the last few years, Maloney and the rest of the Coyotes staff have seen an incredible change in Yandle.

"There's much more maturity in his game," Maloney said. "Two years ago, he wouldn't see the ice in the last six or seven minutes of a tight game, where now, we have much more confidence in him."

With all of the legal problems in Phoenix in the past months and with the legendary Wayne Gretzky stepping down as head coach, though, many worried that Yandle's development would be stunted. But contrary to popular belief, he did not miss a beat.

"[Gretzky] was a great coach, he taught us a lot. He helped me out a lot. I have nothing but good things to say about him and what he did for me," Yandle said. "But it's been awesome, we've been winning some games and so it's great. [Tippett] is definitely a great coach. He has a great system, guys are buying into it, and if we play the way he wants us to play, we're going to be good and teams are going to recognize us."

"Having [new head coach] Dave Tippett in there," Maloney said, "The more teaching, the more time spent on Keith's game without the puck - he has God-given natural skill, skating, offensive play - what I saw of Keith was just him maturing into a player you're not afraid to put out in the last five minutes of a game. He's become much more competitive and reliable when the game is on the line. He is still evolving into a great defenseman, I think his best years are still ahead of him."

Looking forward, Maloney and the rest of the Coyotes organization are extremely optimistic.

"We're confident he is going to evolve into a good player for us who will help us win here," Maloney said. "He has a great personality, is well liked in the locker room and there's a real upside to that."

And Yandle knows that he won't stay on the game roster automatically.

"How do you stay in the NHL? Hard work, winning one-on-one battles and just playing solid hockey. A bunch of little things, but you have to work hard, both during the games and in practice."

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New champions



BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Intramural scene saw the crowning of two new champions over these past few weeks. There was the first ever intramural volleyball tournament, and we saw Prestige Worldwide roll right over the competition and take the victory. Then there were the flag football playoffs, where we saw Team Ramrod finally prove they are champions and take the trophy home.

The co-ed volleyball tournament kicked off last Tuesday night when twelve teams all gathered in the field house for a very competitive tournament. From the beginning of the tournament's pool play, it was evident how great the day would be. Two teams from each grouping advanced to a bracket style playoff, and that's when it got better. It became evident during the pool play that both Prestige Worldwide and Team Naids were the powerhouses in the tournament despite being in the same group.

Both PW and Naids dominated their way to the championship round where they would meet backup for their third meeting of the day. In the end, it proved that Prestige Worldwide was just too much handle for Team Naids.

The flag football playoffs saw several great games. Soul City Symphony played their hearts out all day upsetting two of the top teams and making their way to the championship game. The more notable of the two upsets was their second half comeback against the No. 1 seeded Team Keith to win by one and advance to the championship. SCS met up with Team Ramrod in the championship who in the end, much like PW in volleyball, just had too many athletes for SCS to stop. Ramrod jumped out to a big lead and are the now the proud owners of "The Coatesville Classic Cup" as well new IM Champ t-shirts.

Now that the football season has

finally come to a close it is time to pick the awards. The MVP of the playoffs goes to Junior Joe Mulvihill of Team Ramrod. Mulvihill showed a variety of skills throughout the playoffs scoring on offense, defense, and special teams. The MVP of the regular season goes to Senior Dan Fisher. Despite coming up short in the playoffs he proved to be a nearly unstoppable receiver. The All-League offensive team is:

Quarterback: Senior Al Carpetto

Receivers: Seniors Dan Fisher, Tom Gambuzza, and Rob Waldele

Offensive Line: Sophomores Javier Rubio and Nick Busillo. Junior Seth Herschmann

Corner: Juniors Sam Koch and Bobby Spindler. Senior Ari Jacobson.

Safety: Senior Diego Gomez. Junior Adam Scarzafava.

Defensive Line: Senior Adam Schlett. Junior Bill Sholly.

Mules slip 20-7 in sloppy weather

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The Muhlenberg football Mules (2-5, 1-4) dropped another game on the road Saturday to a strong Franklin & Marshall team (6-1, 4-1). Three early touchdowns off of two turnovers created a deficit too large to overcome on a rainy Saturday – it rained for the final three quarters and play was suspended for 35-minutes due to lightning in the fourth quarter. The Mules' defense and the rain held an offense that was averaging 317 yards on passes alone (best in the Centennial Conference) to only 180 total yards. The defense was led by Junior Linebacker Patrick McDonough, who had eight tackles, and Senior Defensive end Jake Floyd, who had three tackles for a loss (including two sacks).

On the opening drive, the Mules' defense stopped the F & M Diplomats on offense, and then received the punt on their own 35-yard line. However, Freshman Quarterback Dan Deighan was sacked and fumbled the ball giving the Diplomats the ball on the 29-yard line. Later in the drive, an offense pass interference penalty backed the F & M offense up to the 22, but they still found their way into the end zone on a 22-yard reception – putting the Diplomats on the scoreboard first. The ensuing Muhlenberg drive started on the 31 after an 11-yard return by Sophomore Return-man J.T. Merklinger, who also had 39 yards rushing. Three runs put the Mules within one yard of the first down. On fourth down, a handoff to Senior Fullback Cody Bender yielded no gain and the Mules turned the ball over giving F & M the ball on the Mules' 40. After a 9-yard rush, the Diplomats threw a deep pass covering the final 31 yards needed. A failed extra-point attempt put the score at 13-0.

The Mules received the kick on the 24. After a 14-yard rush by Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta, who had 80 yards on 6 catches and 9 yards on 2 carries, the Mules were on the 50-yard line. But, the drive stalled and Junior Punter Jason LoPipero was back to kick. The drive was kept alive, however, when a roughing the kicker penalty was called on the Diplomats giving the Mules a second chance. The Mules were threatening on the 26 when a lateral pass to Cresta was bobbled and the F & M cornerback scooped it up and ran the ball the 69 yards to score their third touchdown of the quarter. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty was assessed on the kickoff after the ball carrier flipped into the end zone on the touchdown. The kick was good making the score 20-0. Both teams came out firing in the first quarter, aware of the coming rain. The Diplomats were fortunate to get off to such a quick lead because the grass field quickly became sloppy in the second quarter due to the downpour of rain.

The second quarter was unproductive for both teams and the score was maintained at 20-0 going into the half. On the opening drive of the second half, the Mules came out determined to score. The drive was dominated by the running ability of Deighan, who scrambled 4 times on the drive. In his first career start at quarterback, Deighan was 12-of-24 for 103 yards and led the team in rushing with 66 yards on 16 carries. He was the third quarterback the Mules have started this year as they continue to search for the right fit behind center.

The Mules scored their first touchdown later in the 68-yard drive on a five-yard plunge by freshman runningback Terrence Dandridge into the end zone. Dandridge had 54 yards on 14 rushes.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Mules drove 81 yards, but were stopped on the 2-yard line when Deighan was pushed out just short of the pylon on fourth down. The rest of the Mules' drives didn't yield any points as the offense was mired down in the rain-soaked field.

The Mules' next game will be at home against conference-best Dickinson (6-1, 4-1) on Saturday, Oct. 31. Dickinson has a spectacular offense that is averaging 33 points a game and 244 yards on the ground per game.



Senior Nose tackle Garrett Orr keeps a blocker at bay, but the Dips proved to be too much for the Mules.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Men's Soccer

Oct. 21

McDaniel 0
Mules 1

Oct. 24

Mules 4
Haverford 2

Football

Oct. 24

Mules 7
Franklin & Marshal 20

Field Hockey

Oct. 21

Mules 0
Scranton 1

Oct. 24

Mules 0
Franklin & Marshal 4

Women's Soccer

Oct. 21

Mules 3
Bryn Mawr 0

Oct. 24

Mules 1
Franklin & Marshal 0

Volleyball

Oct. 20

Susquehanna 3
Mules 0

Oct. 22

Mules 3
Bryn Mawr 1

Oct. 24

Mules 0
Franklin & Marshal 3

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Men's Soccer

Oct. 31

4pm

Ursinus
vs.
Mules

Football

Oct. 31

1pm

Dickinson
vs.
Mules

Field Hockey

Oct. 30

7pm

Gettysburg
vs.
Mules

Women's Soccer

Oct. 31

7pm

Gettysburg
vs.
Mules

Volleyball

Oct. 30

7pm

Gettysburg
vs.
Mules

Cross Country

Oct. 31

all-day

Centennial Conference
Championships
at Gettysburg

Lady Mules Ranked 10th in National Preseason Polls

BY VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Women's Basketball Team is making history, again. Last week the Mules were ranked 10th in the nation according to a D3hoops.com preseason poll. This is the fourth time in the program's history that the Mules were in the Top 25 in a preseason poll. This is the second highest preseason ranking the Mules have gotten since 1997 when College Sports magazine ranked the team ninth in the nation.

Last year the Mules were ranked 24th in the D3hoops.com poll and 20th before the 2002-03 season.

The Mules are still incredibly modest about their successes so far and keep their focus towards continuing to get better throughout the course of the season.

"It's a great accomplishment for us," said Senior Captain and Guard Brenna Ferster. "We hope to continue to get better as the season progresses".

Muhlenberg faces familiar competition also ranked in the top 25. Moravian who gave the Mules a loss early last season are ranked 15th and Marymount who beat the Mules right after Christmas break, are ranked 20th.

The most exciting storyline will unfold during the Scotty Wood Tournament where Muhlenberg is poised to take on No. 5 ranked Scranton. Both teams have different first round opponents, but if victorious, Muhlenberg and Scranton will face each other in the tournament's final on Saturday, Nov. 21st at 6:00. The potential No. 5 versus No. 10 showdown is highly anticipated among the team.

"I think it is very exciting to play the No. 5 team, especially on our home court during Scotty Wood," Said Ferster. "It's our goal to make it to the final so that we see them there and it will be a great challenge for us early in the season."

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Soccer Mules clinch playoff berth; contend to host Centennial Conference Tournament

BY JOY FORLENZA & DANIEL WAYNE
Sports Writers

This past weekend, the Varsity Soccer teams of the College took a huge step in announcing their presence, and dominance, atop the Centennial Conference. Both the Men's (10-3-1, 6-1) and Women's (10-5, 7-1) Soccer Teams went to the road on Sat., Oct. 24, and came back to Allentown with a win and a claim to the leading position in the Conference's poll.

The Men's Soccer Mules, coached by Sean Topping '97, are ranked 1st in the Conference and 4th in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region. They have also received attention from National Soccer Coaches Association of America for the first time since the 2007, when the season ended with a loss in the NCAA Tournament.

The Team is coming off a 4-2 win at Haverford College (6-9, 1-6). In the game, both teams exhibited offensive power, but the Mules' strong, defensive back line staved off a late Fords' attempt at a comeback.

While not being able to get on the board in the first half, 'Berg completely controlled the match going into halftime with an 11-1 lead in shots and a 10-0 difference in corner kicks. Coming out of the break was a different story. The Mules' offensive machine began firing on all cylinders and in the 65th minute, Junior Forward Tommy Reilly scored off a deflected shot to make the score 1-0 for the visitors.

Just a short three minutes later, the Mules struck again, this time with Senior Forward Eric Miller assisting Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini on his 12th goal of the season. Amazingly, 32-seconds after the restart, this duo hit the Fords up for another point as Antonini fed the ball to Miller to take the Mules up 3-0.

While at one point it seemed that Haverford had just been over powered, the Fords scored two goals in three minutes to only be down by one. This minor scoring streak straightened the Mules' defense out and after buckling down the back line, 'Berg only allowed two shots for the remainder of the game.

In the 84th minute, Miller scored again when he chipped the ball just out of the reach of an ill-situated Ford Goalkeeper.

With this win, the Men's Soccer Mules take sole possession of first and look forward to the prospect of hosting the Centennial Conference Tournament at the end of the regular season.

The Mules are also looking forward to their last two games on Wed., Oct. 28 at nationally ranked Swarthmore and on Sat. Oct. 31 on Varsity Field against Ursinus.

After upsetting Franklin and Marshall this past weekend, the Women's Soccer Team has been ensured a playoff berth. The game, however, was no walk through

the park for the team. Aside from having to face worthy opponents, severe weather conditions added another obstacle for them to overcome. But given the fact that the Lady Mules had four wins in the Centennial Conference under their belt, it was no surprise that they were able to turn that weather obstacle into a new opportunity to show off clever tactics that come from superior teamwork.

The beginning of the game was played in torrential downpour until a lightning flash occurred. The game was suspended temporarily, but was luckily able to resume thirty minutes later. With 22:08 remaining in the first half, the Lady Mules resumed playing. It had stopped raining, but the fields were very soggy, proving to be very slippery for the players.

Given that the balls were impossible to control on the ground, the Lady Mules had to focus on passing and shooting high balls. This is exactly what Freshman Defender Maggie Nearly had in mind when she passed the ball upfield. An hour into the game, she sent a highball from midfield that bounced over the defender's head and landed near the top of the box. Sophomore Renee Dessimone fought for possession of the ball from a Dip defender, then sent it high over their keeper. This was the lone goal of the game, giving the Lady Mules their win of the day.

The team is ecstatic that they have been ensured a playoff berth. In addition, this game gave the Mules a perfect 5-0 record in the Centennial Conference for the first time since 2001 and has kept them tied for first place with John Hopkins. The last two games of the season are this week, and the Lady Mules must keep up the intensity to keep their number one spot. So watch out for the 'Berg Women who battle against Ursinus on Tues., Oct. 27 and Gettysburg on Sat., Oct. 31, which are both at home on the Mules' Varsity Field, where the home team is 4-2 this season.



Left: Senior Forward Eric Miller scored twice against the Fords to bring his season total to six;
Right: Sophomore Forward Renee Dessimone scored the only goal for the Lady Mules in their win over the Diplomats.

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Disruptive Conduct Policy disturbs students

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

As of March 8, 2009, the Dean of Students Office implemented a new policy aimed at maintaining positive relations with the College's neighbors. After several incidents of students mistreating the surrounding community, it was decided to implement the Disruptive Conduct Policy.

The Policy was designed to limit the "disruptive behaviors in the surrounding neighborhood" that undermined the College's relationship with residents. To reinforce the serious nature of these acts, administration fines were implemented against any students whose actions were forced to being addressed by Campus Safety or the Allentown Police Department. Furthermore, the student's record of disruptive conduct would remain until they graduated.

Under this new policy, a first offense results in a \$125 fine per person. A second offense merits a \$250 fine per person. The outcome of any additional offense will be a \$500 fine per person. Students can be fined for any act that is deemed "so loud, untimely (as to hour of the day), offensive, riotous, or that otherwise disturbs..." and results in a report being filed in complaint.

Most of this is commonly known among the students that reside in living spaces that border non-college community members. What was surprising is that these administration fines were only distributed very recently. Some of these fines were even earned as far back as during the previous academic year. The mass allocation of administration fines only served to panic residents who had not heard anything about their ordeals.

Students who received the fines are not taking the news lightly. It is a common complaint among them that the administration has failed to follow their own policy. According to the Disruptive Conduct Policy itself, "reports and fines will be issued with-

in seven business days of the incident." So why has it taken so long for these fines to be mailed?

This is yet another issue in a long line that students have had with the Disruptive Conduct Policy. Among these issues is the controversial decision to have the appeals heard not by the Judicial Committee, but by the Dean of Students Office directly. Students have also expressed concern over how much legislation is focused on protecting the community from students, rather than the students from the community. Already addressing these long standing concerns, Student Government charged their Student Life Committee to dealing with the Disruptive Conduct Policy during their Sept. 17 meeting.

Despite these issues, students may not be completely off the hook. The policy also dictates that appeals can be submitted to the Dean of Students Office "within seven business days of the receipt of the report and the fine notice." Even though the reports and fines may not have been sent out in a timely fashion, the right to appeal the decision still exists. If students truly want to fight the notice, they may have to do so through official channels after all.

The question now becomes whether or not students should still be held accountable to the Policy, when the administration is not. Come next fall will students in the class of 2010 be receiving fines even though they have already graduated? Should students with reports filed against them be let off the hook because of administrative error?

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Dr. Haas inaugurated at Austin College

BY CATHIE-MARIE ROCA
NEWS WRITER

This week marks the inauguration of Dr. Marjorie Hass, former Provost of Muhlenberg College, as President of Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Dr. Hass was named the 15th President of Austin College in July of 2009.

The inauguration will be marked with many campus-wide events at Austin College including an Inauguration Ceremony at their Wynne Chapel and a campus-wide Inaugural Picnic. The campus of Austin College will be buzzing with activities celebrating their new President, Dr. Hass.

Muhlenberg's President, Dr. Helm, will be at the ceremony to help celebrate Dr. Hass's accomplishment and introduce her before she gives her inaugural address to Austin College.

Dr. Hass describes her new professional home as a college that has an excellent reputation. She says she was attracted to Austin College because of its strength in the liberal arts, its impressive study abroad program and its strong academic programs.

In her letter to the members of the Austin College community, Dr. Hass expressed her goals as President of the College. She said, "my ambitions for this College go far beyond maintaining the status quo."

Dr. Hass expresses her commitment to the College further by stating, "We will water the roots that have sustained us by investing in our strengths in the sciences, in academic excellence, in global education, and in leadership development. We will place the College on firmer financial footing."

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Community Garden opens

BY AMY BAUER
NEWS WRITER

Plans continue for the Muhlenberg College Community Garden. The aims of the garden are to help promote sustainable community development for the College and its neighbors through collective ownership, implementation, and maintenance of the garden.

In the words of the mission statement, "The garden focuses on inquiry-based and inclusive learning, providing a holistic, hands-on approach to co-curricular and community collaboration." The garden will provide opportunities for multi-disciplinary teaching and learning, establishing a progressive physical and social space for the community.

The intentions for the garden are to encourage students, faculty, and staff to live environmentally and socially responsible lives. Through the garden, the college plans to provide an opportunity for members of the College community to become agents of change in the community.

Some goals for the garden include the use of the garden as a gathering and meeting place to develop and sustain an inclusive community.

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Cheap Shot

Throughout the entire campaign process for this week's elections, we couldn't help but notice that candidates were not exactly campaigning for themselves in their ads, but rather they were campaigning against their opponent.

There is a way of promoting yourself without outright attacking the other contender. In television campaign ads, we would have liked to see more of what each candidate stands for, or what they have achieved, rather than just hearing attacks on each other. We felt that the format of the campaign ads as a whole was childish and we were compelled to want to turn off the television in disgust every time one of the commercials aired.

For example, in the race for the New Jersey governors' seat, incumbent Democrat Jon Corzine, Republican Chris Christie, and Independent Chris Daggett, for the most part, only produced ads bashing their opponent. The candidates rarely talked about their personal strengths or what they would bring to the position.

In Christie's ads, he says that his opponent, Corzine, has asked for the highest taxes in the nation and that Daggett wants \$4 billion in new taxes, including higher sales taxes, higher gas taxes, and higher tolls on more roads. He says that Corzine and Daggett will not change anything in New Jersey. Christie also said that Corzine's 2008 toll hike cost New Jerseyans \$800 million and Corzine lost \$116 million in risky investments in Wall Street firms. Christie points out that Corzine raised property taxes 17% and spent over \$120 million on his personal campaign.

On the other side, Corzine's ads say that Christie is trying to poison women with breast cancer, opposes paid family leave, is anti-choice, would drive up property taxes \$2 billion, is backed by the gun lobby, and stands with former President George W. Bush's failed policies.

Although this type of campaigning can be effective, it would be much more helpful for the voters to make informed decisions about who to vote for if we knew what the candidates plan to do if they are elected. We feel that hearing the candidates' opinions on their opponent's policies is crucial but, in this case, the ways that they are formulated are not conducive to casting an informed vote.

Health care: a real -life horror movie

By DAVID EISENBERG
Op/Ed Writer

One day, I was surfing the internet like I do every day when I stumbled upon the plot for the seemingly annual horror movie series *Saw*, whose sixth installment is now in theaters. I read the plot and came to the conclusion that it was the stupidest plot for a horror movie that I've ever heard. If you're not a fan of the torture porn that each movie treasures (and I'm not), I'll tell you how ridiculous it is: the now-dead Jigsaw Killer decrees in his will that certain members of a health insurance company get killed because the company denied him insurance coverage. For a series that takes itself much too seriously, it's an indication that the makers, and quite possibly Hollywood in general, are scraping the bottom of the barrel for movie ideas.

Still, it made me think about the myths about our near-wholly private health care system and attempts to reform it. For the past few months, we've heard from opponents of health care reform like Sarah Palin about the horrors of "death panels": a bureaucracy run by Washington, D.C. that would decide who is important enough to be saved and who isn't.

That sounds like a plot for a cheesy horror movie itself. In this case, though, it's causing real-life screams from people. As a result, the opponents of health care reform are poisoning the debate with their irrational paranoia.

What isn't said nearly as much by these wannabe horror movie directors, but what is certainly implied, is that the private health insurance companies are saintly do-gooders who won't leave someone hanging to die. You don't need to see *Saw VI* to realize that this isn't true.

In fact, if you take a look around and listen, you'll hear stories of people—some of whom you may even know—who can't get health insurance coverage because their insurance companies, for one reason or another, won't pay for their operation, chemotherapy, or other important life-saving procedure. In a way, they are the true horror movie

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Give Obama more time

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

For Parent's Weekend, my roommate's parents took the trip down from New York to visit. After the usual conversation between a student and his roommate's parents, his dad asked me how I felt about how President Obama is doing.

This episode called to mind the intense scrutiny of the President that has been prevalent in the media. Liberals claim that the President isn't doing enough, while Conservatives maintain he is doing too much (or at least not enough of the right things).

One of the most unrealistic expectations of the President is for him to accomplish something major right away. CNN had a feature on their website and on their television station that chronicled his "First 100 Days." This is a reference to the acts that President Franklin D. Roosevelt passed in his first 100 days of his first term as President in order to relieve those who were stricken by the Great Depression.

Because the United States was in such a bad recession when Obama took office, there were inevitable parallels drawn; however, this was an unfair comparison. It is easy to look at the resulting post-war economic success that the world achieved in the 1950s and 1960s and hold that these first 100 days were

responsible, but there are several people that hold that Roosevelt's New Deal worsened or prolonged the Depression. It is impossible to say that these initial acts helped at all. It may well be better to run out the storm than to needlessly pass legislation that will only worsen the world's economic crisis.

It is impossible to predict how a presidency will go this early into a president's term. Obama is only less than a year into his presidency, yet analysts are saying that the health care bill's success or failure will tell of the subsequent success or failure of his entire presidency. The health care system is in need of reform, and the bill would go a long way to reform it, but saying that a failure of the bill will lead to a failed presidency is analogous to saying that losing the first game of the season means that a team will not make the playoffs.

It has become evident that the United States was not ready for Barack Obama to become president. There were several expectations laid on his head from the very start—some because of his race, some because of his campaign promises, and some because of his party affiliation.

It seems that his campaign promises of "hope" and "change" have backfired. His campaign posters that glorified him led people to have unreal expectations of him.

He was going to be the next John F. Kennedy. No, Robert F. Kennedy. No, he was going to be the Messiah. Seriously, how could he possibly live up to our expectations of him? Perhaps it

was so easy to compare him to the Kennedys because there are very few politicians who have lived up to the expectations that were laid upon them.

Were the Kennedys going to live up to their potential? There is no way of knowing.

However, it is easy to imagine that if Obama were not President, people would be lamenting the fact that he never got a chance. They would most likely criticize John McCain's policies and cite the fact that Obama would have been different.

Others believed that because he is a Democrat, he holds the same beliefs that all Democrats hold. This is one of the problems with our two party system. There are far too little options when picking allegiances to a political party. There are not two belief systems

in this country. It is impossible to say a Democrat will do this or a Republican will do that. So, those who view Obama's policies as betrayals of the Left are overlooking the fact that he has to do what he feels is right for the country.

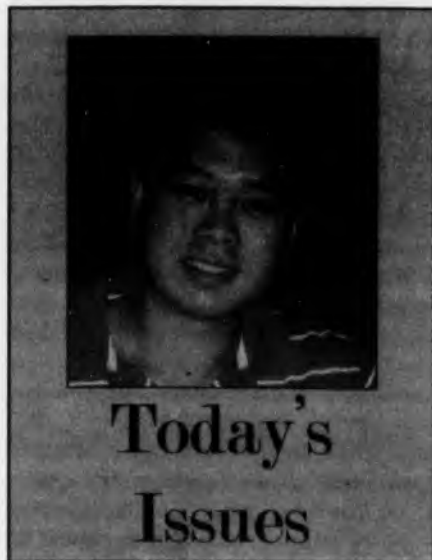
Although I am a defender of President Obama, I do agree with a lot of the critics. For instance, the Liberals are right when they say he is not being supportive enough of gay marriage. But, the Conservatives have a good point when they say that he is displaying fiscal irresponsibility. I even agree with those who say that he hasn't deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. Isn't the awarding of this award just going to make expectations higher?

Regardless of what the critics say, he is doing the best he can. He is the president, the representative of all of the people. He has to do what he thinks is best for America, while also making sure that he will be re-elected for a second term. There is a growing divide between liberals and conservatives, and he must not upset either side too much. He is trying to walk a line between two extremes while reversing the eight years of bad policy that the United States suffered under President George W. Bush.

So, cut him some slack. He was only the Democratic nominee less than a year ago.

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All aboard the free rider express!



ADAM YU
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

Forget Amtrak or the New Jersey Transit, today's best way to make it around the US is the Free Rider Express. There is no ticket required, no cash out of the pockets of the free riders, and, in its current form, there is an unlimited seat capacity. I should also mention that the Free Rider Express has the best conductor in town, the Democratic leaders of Congress! It is quite the deal.

Let me clarify that the so-called Free Rider Express is nothing more than a way to describe the current immigration system here in America. Let's face it, illegal immigrants have been known to skip out on paying taxes while at the same

time reaping the benefits from Social Security, Medicaid and free health care in hospitals, free public school education, the ability to vote and be counted in the census, and federally appropriated tax dollars. There is a serious problem when so many hardworking Americans are pulling their weight by giving up chunks of their paychecks while millions of illegal immigrants are receiving benefits as if they had contributed the same amount of money. Not only are the immigrants at fault, but I would argue that our Congress is equally, if not more in the wrong. Our elected representatives have been dunking their hands into the communal piggy bank of tax dollars that citizens have been filling up for decades and sprinkling that money to the most undeserving people. This is wrong, and nothing short of dereliction of duty on their part.

During the month of Oct., two US Senators, David Vitter of Louisiana and Bob Bennett of Utah, introduced an amendment to a 2010 appropriations bill that would require the upcoming census survey to include a question on participants' citizenship status. Sens. Vitter and Bennett have stirred up considerable opposition by Democrats in both the House and Senate. Why has their simple request received so much attention? Well, making this change to the census survey would lead to considerable change in the way business is typically carried out on Capitol Hill.

Many of us may be wondering how

that data collected by the census is used. That is a wise question to ask. First of all, the census data collected is the basis for the Congressional reapportionment process. Reapportioning the country simply refers to the re-drawing of the 435 House districts in each of the fifty states. For example, Muhlenberg is in the 15th Congressional District of Pennsylvania and we have Representative Charlie Dent representing us in Washington, DC. Redrawing each of the districts is based on the population shifts of each state, with the information that the census provides. As a result of population fluctuations in each state, some states lose seats and some gain seats in the House.

The upcoming re-apportionment of House seats motivated Sen. Vitter and Bennett to introduce this legislation. In order to come up with a true population count of each state and to properly allot seats and representation of each state in the House, the census should only count citizens. Don't forget, legal citizens are the only people who have the right to vote and therefore have a right to elect a member of the House. The inclusion of illegal immigrants could skew the gaining and losing of seats for certain states, which gives those states less say in the laws that govern them. If you live in Pennsylvania, this will certainly become a reality. Pennsylvania is expected to lose a couple of seats in the House which means Pennsylvania's clout, and your voices will have much less meaning in federal lawmaking. We want our votes

and the representatives we choose to be elected, not those of illegal immigrants. Their interests seem to have more weight than the citizens of the US. The bottom line is proper representation is going downhill.

In addition to voting and House seats, there are further consequences of allowing illegal immigrants to vote and be counted in the census. Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) touched on one issue when he explained that one of the purposes of the census is to ensure a fair distribution of federal funds. Hoyer said this when he was explaining his opposition to the Vitter and Bennett bill. It is important to note that the appropriations and funding of federal programs distributed each year by Congress are often based on the population statistics of states and congressional districts. Counting illegal aliens will continue the practice of irresponsibly dishing out tax dollars to those who refuse to pitch in. Instead of our taxes coming back to help us, the non-taxpayers are cashing in. Mr. Hoyer, how is this fair?

Why are Democrats, particularly the minority members who have led the opposition against Vitter and Bennett, so against a question inquiring about citizenship? It is all about re-election. The tri-racial caucus Democrats (Congressional Black, Hispanic, and Asian caucuses) have been taking advantage of illegal

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FROM HEALTH CARE | PAGE 2 villains, and they effectively do the same thing that the fictional death panels would do.

Opponents of reform like to say that the plan will reduce competition, bring everyone under a government plan, and limit freedom with mandates. I will only partially concede the point about mandates. If health care reform were only about mandating everyone to have health insurance or fining them for not having it, then I would most certainly be against it.

Combined with a public option and incentives to lower prices, however, it is something that could work. The public option is not a mandatory enrollment program, it's an option (hence the term "public option.") Conservatives and other opponents like to say that it will bring us closer to a totally government-run health care system. If you ask me, if it's good for every other developed country, then it's good enough for us.

Universal health care isn't the same everywhere. What it seems like we're going towards is a system like the ones in Germany, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, where private insurers provide most of the health care but are heavily regulated.

I can hope for good regulation of the private insurers here, but it doesn't seem like it will happen, at least not yet. What has been thrown around is the chance for greater competition between insurance companies. Reform opponents like to say that this plan would limit choice, but the fact is that we're mostly powerless to choose insurers as it is.

For most people in the working world, we're stuck with what our employers give us. If we try and get our own insurance, many areas are serviced by only a couple of companies who can game the system by charging high rates. In President Obama's speech, he mentioned that 90% of people in Alabama are under one health insurance company. Simply put, freedom of choice for health insurance is a myth and needs to be implemented in a final bill.

Historically, Congress has tackled the question of health care reform and, whether successful or not, comes back to it many years later. FDR, Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Nixon, Carter, and Clinton have all tried to implement a better health care system, and only LBJ succeeded by creating Medicare.

If Obama is willing to rest on his laurels if his health care plan passes (which looks like it will), then make no mistake: I will not support this as an acceptable plan. It needs to be tinkered with during every Congress until we have a truly good health care system on par with other developed countries. History shows that this probably won't happen, but it is something that needs to be done. If it is, perhaps the day will come when the makers of *Saw* make an installment about the evils of government health care. Even then, it won't be a movie that I'd like to see.

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Barbie's cankles

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Growing up all I wanted to be was Barbie. With her perfect blond hair, tiny waist, and awesome clothes it isn't hard to see why. However, Barbie has received much flack over the years with regards to her unrealistic body proportions. Standing at eleven inches, if Barbie were a human being, she would have the dimensions of a 39-inch bust, an 18-inch waist, and 33-inch hips. For a 125-pound woman to get these measures, she would have to be 7'2"!

So obviously, there's pretty much no way anyone is going to be the next Barbie, even with the aid of copious amounts of plastic surgery. Barbie is the epitome of perfection — she's an ideal that is literally unattainable. All her perfection, however, doesn't stop people from trying to change her even more to fit the impossible standards she set for herself years ago.

In celebration of her 50th anniversary, Barbie was partnered up with high-end designer Christian Louboutin to receive a fashion makeover. Louboutin, who is well known for his famous 5-inch red-soled stilettos, was all set to design three special collections for the golden girl, with especial emphasis on her footwear. However, when it came down to it, Louboutin found Barbie's gams to be too fat to wear his prized heels. He therefore made sure that Barbie's ankles were slimmed down before he allowed her to be decked out in his creations.

After receiving the imaginable backlash from this statement, Louboutin insisted he "adored" designing for Barbie, and Barbie herself made a statement saying that "My dear friend, Christian loves my ankles. It was my arch that he wanted to give a little lift to, so I can rock those high heels." Yeah, okay Barbie.

What has this world come to when a plastic doll that has often been reviled for her too-perfect body, is deemed "too fat"? It's no wonder that 70 million people worldwide suffer from an eating disorder. If Barbie is a heifer, what are the rest of us? Why should a few millimeters of extra skin make such a difference? Barbie is a plastic plaything. If she were real, she'd be a giantess with boobs too big; she would need to have back surgery every other week.

Yeah, Barbie's a babe in her plastic world. But she's also a veterinarian, an Olympic medalist, and even an astronaut. Barbie is supposed to be an example for young girls and inspire them to gain their highest potentials. Why should it matter whether she's got tree trunks for legs or sticks?

Even through all the controversy surrounding Barbie, it's still obvious that she's an important part of every little girl's childhood. Here we are 50 years later, and she's still making headline news. There are six-year-olds driving around in her pink hot-wheels convertible and 16-year-olds dressing up as the fashion princess for Halloween each year.

So Barbie, who cares if you have cankles—we still love you anyway.

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immigrants voting and support. They come from districts with high levels of illegal immigrants and have steered federal dollars towards these illegals. These politicians know full well that enforcing the law, reserving pork barrel projects for citizens, and a question about citizenship would unleash a backlash among the illegal aliens (isn't funny how the world works), which would cost them votes, campaign funds, and support from pro-illegal immigrant interest groups. In order to save their political lives, they must kill the Vitter-Bennett legislation. It doesn't get anymore political than this.

Remember, the proposed citizenship question is not part of a War on Immigration. The census survey is and will remain under the Vitter-Bennett legislation completely confidential. Asking about citizenship is not intended to provide police or immigration officials with personal information to target illegal immigrants. All it is asking for is to allow the census data to aid in responsible governance.

Current practices here are unfair and in complete contrast to America's founding principle of representative government. We need more lawmakers who are willing to put a stop to irresponsibility and waste in government. As American voters and citizens, we have a huge stake in this debate. The time has come to derail the Free Rider Express.

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NaNoWriMo

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Every November, over 100,000 people from all over the world participate in a writing event called National Novel Writing Month (www.nanowrimo.org). The "contest" requires participants to write a 50,000-word novel in thirty days, from Nov. 1-Nov. 30. A friendly online computer counts your words at midnight on Nov. 30. That's pretty much the whole story.

When I tell people I'm doing "NaNo" again, they're usually appropriately baffled. Society's blackmailing me into writing analytical papers to get an almighty "college degree," so why in the world would I volunteer to write a novel? And in a month? When I tell those same people that the novel can revolve around the inner lives of marshmallows for all the people at "NaNo" care and that it's ultimately all about having fun, they're even more confused. There's no cash prize or trip to Random House at the end? You can't put it on your resume? "Yeah," they all say, "you have fun with that."

So, why do I write a 50,000-word novel every year for "NaNo"? I do it because I enjoy writing. Believe it or not, "writing" and "enjoy" can go together in the same sentence. There are no grades, no rubrics, no snarky comments in the margins, no APA or MLA, and nobody policing my use of passive voice. The contest is for anyone, anywhere who has ever had a story knocking around their brains but hasn't put it on paper because...why?

Because stories are supposed to be serious, heavily-edited, superbly-crafted, intricately-woven, highly-planned masterpieces of American literature? No they don't! Who says? Go to any given bookstore and pick up the first book you see in the "fiction" section. It's probably garbage.

A quick sampling gives me "Sarah's Daughter" by Ruth Bass and "The Shopkeeper" by James Best. Both are stories about strong but confused characters who find their places in the world by overcoming incredible adversity. In fact, that's pretty much what all novels are about today. Some are worse than others, but almost none are moving mountains.

Simply put, things that are published under the classification of "novels," which are usually heavily-planned and intricately-woven, are sometimes not any better or worse than anyone here could do.

And for the record, the people writing most of this fluffy bookstore fiction make up a large percentage of the people society entrusts with the definition of "good writing." They write the reviews in the New York Times Book Review, give commencement lectures at colleges, and write manuals about writing that all boil down to "show, don't tell."

Who elected these people as Lords of Literature anyway? Not the American people, most of whom don't read more than a book a year, if that. Most of these literature "critics" point to No Child Left Behind or even Generation Y's short attention span to explain this. None of them seem to even consider that this country just doesn't want to read more of their over-chewed gum fiction anymore. It's time for some new voices. Why not us?

So, why else don't we like writing? Because we're not "writers", and we're really no good at it? Plenty of people who weren't primarily "writers" made a bigger impact on the writing world (and probably much more money) than most professional "writers." Arthur C. Clarke was a full-time astrophysicist, and scientists know him for his accomplishments here. To most of us, though, Arthur C. Clarke is the guy who wrote *2001: A Space Odyssey*, by far the best-known science fiction novel of the twentieth century and definitely the best-known science fiction film of all time. For a novel that made such a huge cultural impact, the writing is a "B" by most standards, primarily because the average person can actually relate to and understand it without *Spark Notes*. Today, it's remembered for its ideas about mankind's future with technology and space travel. Often, it's not the best writers that survive the test of time, but the writers with the best ideas, with plots and imaginations that can move people across generations.

In general, an amazing diversity of people have put pen to paper and fingers to keyboard over the ages, from philanthropists to fascists to chemists to journalists. Some were interesting, some were polemical, some wrote sentences that made their way into "famous quotes" books, and others had barely mastered their language's grammatical structure. Somehow, none of the above seemed to consistently affect the chances of their books' success or failure, at least during their own times.

Of all my "NaNo" novels, not one looks anything like the fiction you'll find in stores. Some switch plots halfway through, other introduce critical characters on the last page, and in some I even interject a few rants about how terrible television has become since the advent of reality TV. And guess what? The Writing Police haven't come to get me yet. Sure, the novels are terrible even by my own standards, but one of these years, I just might write the Great American Novel. And even if I don't, so what? I get to talk to other fun people on the NaNo forums and crank out a wacky, comically terrible novel. It's called *fun*, and it's at least worth a shot. So do something crazy! Do what so many before you have done and write a novel. All you have to lose is a month.

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Darwin: a survivor of the historical fittest

By ERIKA IYENGAR
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Nov. 24, 2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the first publication of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. Contemplating an article about the relevance of this work today, I was most interested in what former students from my Capstone Evolution course, who read all of *On the Origin*, would say. How had the concepts of evolution and natural selection affected them?

Below are excerpts from their responses. Their complete, unedited comments are at the Biology department website, <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/main/academics/biology/programs/darwin.html>.

On Nov. 12 at 7:30 in Miller Forum (Moyer Hall), Dr. Warren Allmon, Cornell University professor and Director of the Paleontological Research Institute, will give a public lecture entitled "Why Darwin Still Matters" on Darwin's influence in realms outside (and inside) of science.

Evolution in the world around us

Reading Darwin was the first time I felt wonder and awe in a science class since elementary school. The simple logic of the theory was beautiful; it was the first time I was exposed to the wealth of evidence in favor of evolution. All the pieces were falling into place - I finally got it.

Now I could talk for hours about transitional forms, vestigial organs, biogeography. *Origin* is one of the best examples of scientific reasoning a student can be exposed to. Amazingly, one of the greatest scientific theories of all time came from one guy just being curious and using common sense. Now I cheer a little every time someone uncovers a new fossil that supports predictions Darwin made in 1859.

Evolution has most affected me by emphasizing how everything is interconnected and changes over time and location. "We are all one system and depend on all species around us to continue into the next generation. . ." The current discussion over health care finds new solutions to our dwindling resources rather than preventing problems. If we worked towards a greater wellness of our community, could we not prevent problems before they start?

In graduate school, we discussed several times how the field of wildlife ecology has progressed slowly in recent decades, perhaps due to a lack of education in or lack of appreciation of the importance of evolutionary theory. This lack influences the types of questions wildlife ecologists ask (or don't ask) and how results of studies are

interpreted. I was surprised, because I feel biological phenomena cannot be properly interpreted without evolution. Evaluating some surprising recent results of my own, I first thought how they could make sense from an evolutionary standpoint.

Darwin and Religion

Outside academia, creationism is the top reason we hear of Darwin's natural selection. What has come from trials in which creationists have attempted to remove evolution from classrooms is an important discussion about the nature of science. Most non-scientists fail to realize that science is a process that must be observable, testable, potentially falsifiable, repeatable, and able to predict new facts or events. Muhlenberg's Philosophy of Religion class introduced me to the common desire to feel a sense of wonder and awe about the world.

While science may have the tools to explain feelings as chemical processes, it is the experience itself, how we interpret it, and how it makes us feel that escapes definition. Somehow the importance of Darwin's contribution to our understanding of the natural world gets lost in the artificial struggle that pits both sides against each other.

I was impressed how little *Origin* conflicted with my personal religious beliefs. If anything, it further confirmed that there is a greater being that is putting things in motion. Darwin explained that natural selection does not have the power to create new variations; it can only act on the variations that already exist in nature. In my mind, that is where God has a place in evolution.

The summer after graduation, I went to a Christian orphanage in Romania with my church. The orphans were not taught about evolution. One night, I got into a two-hour debate over evolution versus creation. An 18-year-old orphan listening to us was completely enthralled. I have kept in touch with him the past two years. He now knows all the top scientists' views on evolution and is still asking me questions. He, like me, has not lost his faith; evolution just opened a new approach to life and how it works. In my opinion, it makes everything even more beautiful than I already thought it was.

Graduates contributing thoughts: '09 Jillian Carnrick, Jessica Nesmith; '07 Kelley Bemis, Marianne Cataldo, Beth Irwin, Becky Giuditta, Anne Kuebler, Matthew Stensland; '04 Matthew Frye

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Weekend Weather

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



Partly
Cloudy

High: 47
Low: 31

Partly
Cloudy

High: 52
Low: 38

Partly
Cloudy

High: 57
Low: 40

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The Col-
lege

hopes to develop some type of collective process by which the College community has ownership of tending to the garden and implementation of it.

The garden will also promote sustainable food advocacy and fair food activism by drawing on organic agriculture, gardening and premaculture design.

The work involved in the garden will teach an inclusive curriculum that promotes cross-disciplinary learning and allows members to connect garden activities to academic learning and their everyday lives. Currently, the committee behind the garden is still in the process of creating the physical design for the garden.

There will be opportunities for community input on the designs in early December. For anyone who is interested in participating in the garden, there will be information available early in the spring term.

The garden will reap enormous benefits

for the College community, which continues to make strides towards becoming a more environmentally conscious and active institution.

The College is a member of the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future and this garden, in conjunction with the "Just Tap It" campaign, will more closely align Muhlenberg with plans for a sustainable future.

Once created, the garden will be another opportunity for the college to become a forerunner in the campaign to protect the planet and be more Earth-friendly.

The idea of the garden demonstrates the dedication of this campus community to cultivating a rich and active space where change and progress continue to bloom.

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Community..."*

FROM PRESIDENT | PAGE 1

We will
enhance

the bonds of the Austin College community.

And, we will make certain that our bright light is visible regionally, nationally, and internationally."

Dr. Hass seems to be settling into her new position at Austin College quite well. The town of Sherman, Texas also seems to be suiting Dr. Hass and her family. According to Dr. Hass' son Cameron, a junior at Muhlenberg, the Hass family is adjusting well to life in Sherman, Texas.

He said, "Everyone is really adjusting well to Texas. My sister is going to the

public high school and she is really enjoying it. My dad [Dr. Larry Hass] is teaching classes and he really likes the courses and his students. My mom's new position is really keeping her busy and she's really enjoying that. The only one having a bit of trouble with the adjustment is our dog because it's so hot in Texas."

The inauguration of Dr. Hass marks an important accomplishment in her professional and academic life. Her family and the Muhlenberg community are very proud of her achievement. While she will surely be missed at Muhlenberg, we wish her the very best with her presidency at Austin College.

Helping Hands Across America



Please take part in our local effort to help a neighbor in need. Look for donation bins across campus from now until November 12. All canned food and other donations will be given to local Allentown food charities!



You'll be helping to stop hunger in our community and maybe even set a Guinness World Record™ on NOVEMBER 12th!

Along with non-perishable food items, we are also accepting personal care items such as soap & toothpaste.

For more information on the many ways you can help stop hunger within our community, visit www.HelpStopHunger.org.



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Campus hosts Topping Off Ceremony

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Fri., Oct.
30 at 1:30,
the College
hosted the

Topping Off Ceremony for the Seegers Union Expansion. This event focuses on the raising of the final and highest, steel beam in the construction. Students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and the Board of Trustees were present to celebrate the momentous occasion. Warm beverages were served for those in attendance.

The tradition includes a small pine tree, a tribute to the grain originally used, that typically adorns the final beam. The small tree has the dual significance of honoring the safe completion of the outer frame and representing good fortune to future inhabitants of the building.

Over time, American construction workers have added new traditions to the ancient ceremony. Now, in addition to the small pine tree, an American flag is proudly placed on the beam, as well.

The "topping off" honors the workers on the job for their diligence and dedication in reaching the important project milestone of

completing the outer frame of the building. Usually, that honor is personalized by having all workers sign the beam before it is raised and secured in place.

In the case of the Seegers construction, students were given the chance to sign the beam. A week before the Topping Off Ceremony, the final steel beam was placed in Parents Plaza. The beam, which was painted red, was then signed by all members of the campus community.

Numerous members of the construction company and architecture firm gave speeches in tribute to the event, and the work achieved so far. President Helm gave a brief but entertaining speech about the background work that was put into the creation of the Seegers Union renovation.

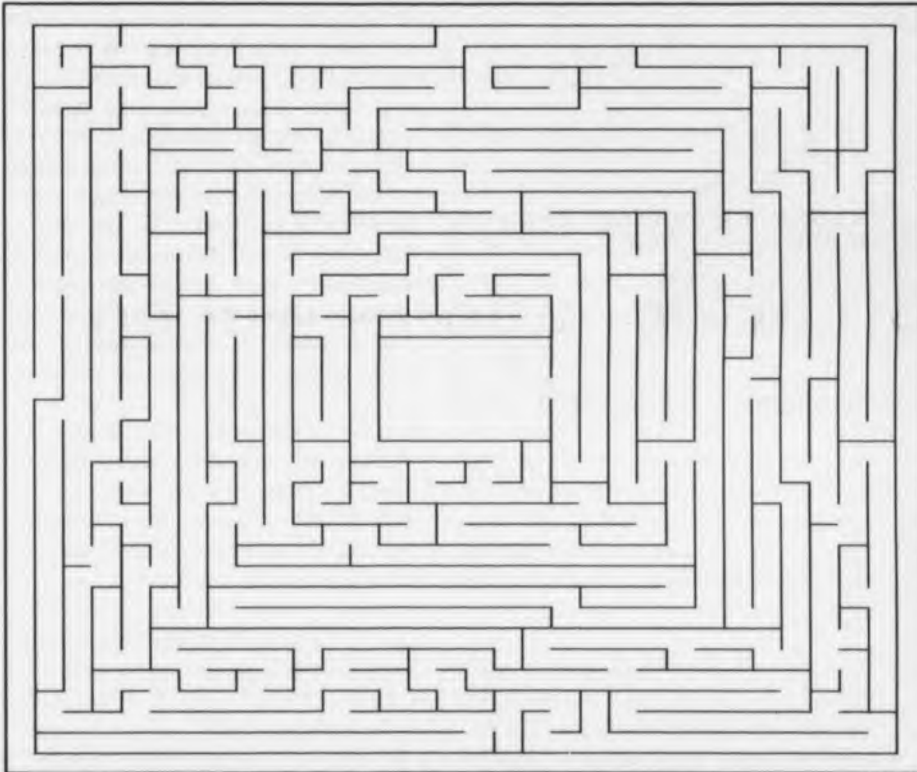
Student Body President Jonathan Falk '10 also spoke of the history of the building, and the hope that is represented in the construction of the new addition.

"Every day when I walk by the renovation construction either giving a tour or heading to class the dream of the Union becomes clearer," said Falk '10. "This dream is now becoming a reality."



Scenes from the Topping Off Ceremony on the Brown Mall.

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW PEARSON



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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, first floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 26 – Found Property – In the football stadium, there was a report of a found gym bag. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 26 – Injured Student – In Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of an injured student. Campus Safety transported the student to the Health Center.

Oct. 26 – Found Property – In the East Hall Quad, there was a report of a found key. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Oct. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2241 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 26 – Larceny/Theft from a Vehicle – At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of theft of items from a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 26 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 27 – Found Property – At 2251 Turner St., building #5, there was a report of a found camera. The owner responded to Campus Safety and picked up the found item.

Oct. 27 – Larceny/Theft – In Parents Plaza, there was a report of a stolen banner. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 28 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center fieldhouse, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 28 – Found Property – In the Trexler Library, A Level, there was a report of a found phone. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Oct. 29 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and went to Campus Safety and claimed the wallet.

Oct. 29 – Found Property – At the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot, there was a report of a found wallet and key. A Campus Safety officer returned the items to the owner.

Oct. 29 – Unauthorized Person/People – At the Buildings and Grounds garage, there was a report of a male going through the dumpster. Upon arrival, the suspect was gone. The area was checked with no sign of the individual.

Oct. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Health Center, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 29 – Lost Property – In the Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Oct. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. The alarm was reset and immediately went off again. Plant Operations was notified and responded to replace the bad detector.



Oct. 29 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of a student by another student. The victim would not provide enough information for further investigation.

Oct. 30 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found ID. Campus Safety returned the item to the owner.

Oct. 30 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village fire lane, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. A vehicle backed into a pole. Pictures were taken.

Oct. 30 – Vehicle Violation – On N. 26th St., an individual reported the theft of a vehicle. A Campus Safety officer spoke with the Allentown Communication Center and found that the Allentown Parking Authority towed the vehicle.

Oct. 31 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a neighbor yelling to two males along the side of a house on Leh St. The individuals were involved in disorderly conduct by ripping a sign off of a fence and throwing it in the landscape of the house. The two students were arrested by the Allentown Police Department. One of the students was arrested for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The other student was arrested for public drunkenness.

Oct. 31 – Disorderly Conduct – On Liberty St., there was a report of a group

of students yelling at 23rd and Liberty St. as though they were in a verbal argument. Allentown Police dealing with an incident at Leh and Liberty St heard the yelling. The individuals in the group were identified and students will be referred to the Dean of Students for disorderly conduct. One individual was in possession of alcohol and was underage.

Oct. 31 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. Leh St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 31 – Terroristic Threats – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report from parents and students of an alleged threat by a roommate. Campus Safety is investigating the incident. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 31 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of an intoxicated student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The student was under the age of 18 and was cited for underage drinking by the Allentown Police Department. The student's parents were notified.

Nov. 1 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The house was cleared out. A Campus Disruptive Conduct Report will be sent. There was no further incident.

Nov. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a fog machine. The Allentown Fire Department responded.

Nov. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from the pull station. There are no suspects at this time. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident. Campus Safety is investigating the incident.

Nov. 1 – Point of Information – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a possible intoxicated student. Upon arrival, the individual was spoken to. Referred to Residential Services.

Nov. 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from cooking. The system could not be reset. Plant Operations was notified and responded. There was no further incident.

Nov. 1 – Found Property – In the New Science Building, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Nov. 1 – Institutional Vandalism – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of vandalism to a window. Housekeeping was notified to clean up the glass. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 1 – Found Property – In the Village, there was a report of a found cell phone. A Campus Safety officer returned the item to the owner.

Nov. 1 – Aggravated Injury (Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.) – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there was a report of a student on student assault. The investigation will continue.

Nov. 1 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Nov. 1 – Injured Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of an injured student in the building. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused medical transportation.

Oct. 31 – Sick Visitor – In Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a sick visitor by the Allentown Communications Center. Allentown EMS responded. The individual refused medical transport.

Oct. 31 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. A student was taken into custody by the Allentown Police Department and was arrested for underage consumption, public drunkenness, and disorderly conduct.

Oct. 31 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from using a fog machine. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Oct. 31 – Beer Games, Trophies, Kegs, and Paraphernalia – In South Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation for possession of a beer pong table found during the fire alarm. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Oct. 31 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation for several empty containers. The items were disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is never easy for those who dream."

- Robert James Waller

"Moving Stories": students choreograph rich visual tapestries

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

"Moving Stories" promises to be an innovative experience that will engage a variety of different concepts and themes and link them through dance.

The showcase runs Nov. 12 - 14 in the Baker Theatre.

The show features twelve unique dance pieces choreographed by Olivia Alvarez, '10, Emily Daly, '10, Katie Fierro, '11, Rebecca Haverson, '10, Aubrey Kupstas, '10, Lynn Lisella, '11, Laura Mayerson, '10, Dana McGowan, '10, Carolina Millard, '10, Michele Sasso, '10, Ashley Sleeth, '11, and Ashley Taylor, '10—all students enrolled in the dance program.

These up-and-coming choreographers have already presented previous work in informal concerts and completed courses in dance composition. Selected for this project after submitting a written and oral proposal of their piece, the students have worked closely with faculty who have mentored them throughout the experience.

Artistic Director Sarah Carlson, assistant professor of Dance at the College, has danced professionally in New York City with numerous companies including Alexandra Beller/Dances, Brian Brooks Moving Company, and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. As an independent choreographer, her own work has been presented throughout the U.S. at venues such as the Joyce Soho in NYC, On the Boards in Seattle, The Yard on Martha's Vineyard, as well as in Benin, Africa. In 2008, Carlson founded Dancelink to promote community and communicate profoundly through the multifaceted, multi-dimensional instrument of the body.

"This year's concert offers an exciting variety of dynamic themes: from ancestral homage to relationship healing to drinking culture, there is truly something for everyone," said Carlson.

One of the most unique and controversial works is Carolina Millard's piece, which explores how alcohol is ingrained into the perceived college culture through interpretive choreography.

"She tackles the ups and downs of drinking culture in a piece that goes from

humorous to thought provoking. On a college campus, this subject is both apropos and loaded," Carlson said.

"When my characters feel discomfort they fall back onto an old friend: a Solo Cup. But, as their night goes on, they begin to realize what kind of friend that Solo Cup is and how dependent they are on it," Millard explained.

Olivia Alvarez created a piece about the anxiety of leaving a perceived comfort zone. She pursues this theme with an exploration of space and its close association

with emotions. "I want the audience to be intrigued by the juxtaposition of two distinct ways to dance within space and to go on a journey of emotions themselves—from tension and restriction to ease and freedom," she said.

Katie Fierro's work explores the emotions experienced when "you have a personal situation that is beginning to slowly eat you up and you realize that you need silence to sort it all out," she said.

Ashley Sleeth's work explores how people associate negative feelings with inescapable vulnerability. This is especially intriguing to explore through a dance performance because when are dancers more vulnerable than onstage? Sleeth then delves into how this state of vulnerability, rather than be avoided, should instead be embraced.

This year's Moving Stories promises to be different than past productions by taking other

artistic mediums and incorporating them with dance. For example, Megan Wilson, a music major, in conjunction with three other musicians, are composing music for Michele Sasso's piece and will perform the composition live at the show.

Audiences should expect other artistic risk-taking like the use of props. Rebecca Haverson's choreography centers on a ladder in which the dancers will have to incorporate balance and daunting heights. Another risk is the exploration of stereotypes and gender norms which Aubrey Kupstas tackles in her piece, that uses an all female cast and football culture.

On campus tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the box office in the lobby of the Trexler Pavilion or by calling (484) 664-3333.



A scene from the beautiful "Moving Stories."

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Potter addicts get their fix at the Trexler Library

BY NOAH FRIED
LIFE WRITER

On Oct. 30, the Trexler Library celebrated Halloween early with a special Harry Potter

themed bash. The event had wizard refreshments, like bottled water, games like pin the tail on the Hermione (which I found hugely exciting), an adjoining lecture about "Potter addiction" given by the College's own Dr. Jeff Rudski, along with a showing of the movie *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Let me set the scene: outside, the leaves were flowing wildly on the wind. Students could be seen running about on brooms and the trees were dancing furiously as if doing a jig. Autumn was at its climactic pinnacle, and you could just smell Harry Potter in the air.

Inside the library, the excitement was such that you could not hold still. Potter related media covered the entirety of the A-Level, which was filled to the brim with elated students, children, and College staff. As is my custom for every Harry Potter themed event I go to, I was dressed as Harry and was immediately recognized by passersby by my trademark cape, broom, and scar. "Oi, it's 'Arry Potter!" they would call in a British accent. All the activity-spots looked glorious. In the dark corner of the room, sat a fierce witch who I

sensed possessed a shady magic I did not know.

Mounting my Nimbus Two Thousand broomstick, I charged to face painting, and then had a go at throwing the sand bag/Quaffle through the Quidditch ring. Failing at this despite my natural skill, I sulked over to the complimentary candy bowl and filled my pockets.

Utterly spent with the crazy games and face painting, I flew to the back of the room where Dr. Rudski was giving his lecture amid a large group of attentive students. The Psychology professor, citing his extensive study done in 2007, claimed that Harry Potter tends to produce addictive behavior in some individuals and causes a sort of withdrawal when it's suddenly absent in their lives. He was talking about the results of his study; how about ten percent of the four thousand people he polled online demonstrated signs of addiction, the likes of which you might associate with a chain smoker. Groups of Harry Potter fans polled before and after reading "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," showed a

meaningful change in their sleeping and eating habits. Dr. Rudski has said in the past, "an addiction to a drug is no different than an addiction to Harry Potter," and has been ridiculed for saying it. But when taking his results into consideration—despite the minute percentage of extreme variation and the questionable objectivity of those polled—one must agree his assertions are not entirely fictitious.

When the lecture was completed, I summoned my courage and conquered my fears of the unknown by confronting the dark witch: she was a palm reader. I decided I wanted to know about the unrelenting trials and horrible death in my future I could only guess at before. The foreteller ruthlessly grabbed my hands, beamed into my

eyes and, to my surprise, told me my life was going to turn out fine, and I was to grow very old and happy. How tedious.

Dr. Rudski's words forced me to do some reflection of my own person. I suddenly remembered my

"Students could be seen running about on brooms and the trees were dancing furiously as if doing a jig. Autumn was at its climactic pinnacle, and you could just smell the Harry Potter in the air."

30 reasons to assume your significant other is cheating on you

BY KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

- ☐ He/She ate with their entire meal with their hands on one of the first three dates
- ☐ He/She has an alter ego... with a second cell phone
- ☐ He/She doesn't order the same thing as you at restaurant
- ☐ He/She introduces you by your name rather than saying "my boy/girlfriend"
- ☐ He/She has yet to invite you to family Christmas dinner and it's already August
- ☐ He/She smells of spam
- ☐ He/She openly acknowledges other members of YOUR sex
- ☐ He/She has homework on a Thursday. Thirsty Thursday no less
- ☐ He/She has been to Sig-Ep
- ☐ He/She has "a past"
- ☐ He/She remembers said "past"
- ☐ He/She thinks that the Jonas Bros. had a good idea with that whole purity ring thing
- ☐ He/She is caught at times looking vainly in the mirror
- ☐ He/She says that they want to get a dog, whenever you talking about having a baby
- ☐ He/She disagrees with you over obviously cute baby names
- ☐ He/She has other friends on Facebook
- ☐ He/She says he/she is cheating on you
- ☐ He/She wants to stay in and play a board game
- ☐ He/She is a prude
- ☐ He/She is alright with masturbation
- ☐ He/She spends more than fifteen minutes away from you
- ☐ He/She says "we need to talk"
- ☐ He/She says "we're over"
- ☐ He/She now won't return your calls
- ☐ He/She thinks you guys aren't together even though you chose the "no" option when he/she tried to break up with you
- ☐ He/She has a wedding ring
- ☐ You developed herpes.

- ☐ He/She occasionally breaks eye contact
- ☐ He/She at times feels "tired"
- ☐ He/She has on more than one occasion said no

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Jeff Dunham: many voices, one new hit show

BY KELLY FRAZEE & JILLIAN BEVACQUA
EXECUTIVE EDITOR & MANAGING EDITOR

Achmed the
Dead Terrorist.
Peanut. Walter.

Jose Jalapeno on a Stick. This random assortment of characters have one thing in common: their voice. Jeff Dunham began practicing ventriloquism at the age of eight and has since gained quite a following for his comedy acts. In the past, Dunham has performed on "Comedy Central Presents," "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Tonight Show." Since his debut on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" in 1990, Dunham's popularity has skyrocketed. He has been called "America's Favorite Comedian" by Slate.com and praised by numerous other media outlets. The undeniable draw of his satirical puppets has earned him his own show, called simply "The Jeff Dunham Show," which premiered on Oct. 22, and now airs Thursdays at 9 pm on Comedy Central.

Dunham's show revolves around placing his puppets in real world situations. In a recent interview with the Weekly, Dunham discussed the motivation, inspiration, and goal of his show. He explained that fans have expressed interest in his characters outside of his stand-up and that people wondered how Achmed the Dead Terrorist would act off of the comedic stage. In the premiere episode, Achmed gets his own DVD stand-up comedy show, which ends in his characteristically attacking an audience member, grumpy old man Walter and Dunham go to a gay couple's therapy session, and Peanut goes on a date with Brooke Hogan.

If these scenarios sound at all questionable to you, you are not alone. Dunham regularly addresses societal issues and controversial characters in his comedy. "I wish people would take a step back and laugh at each other and ourselves a little," said Dunham. Through his characters, the comedian strives to poke fun at of all sorts of stereotypical characters, including himself. "If I step on toes, I want to make sure I step on my own

toes," he said, "because I don't want to leave anybody out." When Dunham first started to do ventriloquism he realized that with comedy, he could say things and go places that very few people could.

He revealed that the biggest challenge for him was to figure out how to make people want to keep watching his show past two episodes. He decided that the one thing to strive for is just to find what will make people laugh, and he did. "We've got fun things that anyone can laugh at. We try to make it equal opportunity across the board, I try to make fun of anything I possible can. To me, the bottom line is that laugh and what gets it."

He is successfully able to make his comedy appeal to the masses by drawing inspiration from everyday life. "Just living life the way we all live is the best for comedic material. Comedians can pull comedy out from a situation in a way different than the average person can. It's just a different way of looking at it," he said, explaining that at the heart of comedy are real life situations that everyone deals with a daily basis. Whether those situations are jubilant or painful, Dunham believes that there is always some comedy to be found in them. People are able to relate to his comedy because they've been through it.

When asked if he is going to introduce any new characters on the show, Dunham said that the current ones are here to stay but for every successful character he's come up with there are ones that didn't work out so well. He keeps these ideas in what he referred to as his "What the hell was I thinking box." One of the characters in this box, "Tony the Talking Italian Meatball," didn't make the cut because Dunham could only come up with one joke for him: "Hey Tony, do you know any Italian?" "No." "Why not?" "Cause I don't have a no hands!" Even without Tony, "The Jeff Dunham Show" premiere was full of laughs and long term potential.

Students on campus, however, express mixed reviews

of Dunham's comedy. Some have exclaimed, "I love him, he's hilarious!" while others have expressed a strong distaste for him. In the end, all Dunham wants people to be able to do is to "sit back, eat a piece of fruit and laugh at each other...but not in a mean way!" So even if you're not a fan, give "The Jeff Dunham Show" a chance. Otherwise, in the words of Achmed,



Ventriloquist Jeff Dunham with his puppet,

"Achmed, the Dead Terrorist"

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This is It: Michael Jackson's final message

BY AMY BAUER
LIFE WRITER

As the familiar disco rhythm of "Wanna Be Starting Something" blares from the cinema speakers, the audience of Michael Jackson's *This is It* is no longer at the movies, but in the Staples Center, watching the King of Pop give his best one last time.

The documentary begins with interviews of several of the dancers, who had come from all over the world, for a chance to share the stage with Michael Jackson. All of them shared the same message: Michael had been a figure of inspiration for each of them as artists. After these comments, the quiet tone of the documentary explodes into a spectacle of color and lights, with Michael at the center of it, singing and dancing like when he was in his prime. The documentary, directed by Kenny Ortega, features footage from the rehearsals, beginning in March and ending just days before his death on June 25th, for the 50 sold-out concerts in London which were to begin in July of 2009.

Ortega and Jackson work in tandem to not only do justice to the hits the fans love, but also to infuse them with new and exciting elements, modernize the costumes, and create new video footage for "Thriller" and "Smooth Criminal." The new "Thriller" video is taken to a higher level, with creepier zombies and new dance moves that enhance the classic "Thriller" dance that so many know by heart. Jackson and the eleven zombie dancers perform the famous "Thriller" dance with added twists, like the fusing of one of Jackson's later songs, "Ghosts," into the music. "The Way You Make Me Feel" is also given some new flavor when it is slowed down into a bluesy number that Jackson describes as feeling like "you're trying to get out of bed in the morning." Jackson teases us with a verse of this slowed down version of the hit song, before launching back into the original version that gets all listeners off their seats and on their feet.

Michael seeks a level of perfection to make the audience "feel it" the way he did while writing it. The documentary features Jackson demonstrating his creative authority and his incredible skill to the other musicians, bewildering the skilled performers with his ability to discover just the right sound. He uses his own terminology to describe just how the songs should sound, coining new phrases like, "You have to let it simmer!" or "I'm sizzling." Jackson responds to questions

from the crew with simple statements like, "I'll feel it," which he does, getting the cues exactly and achieving the sound he desires to hear effortlessly. For Jackson, at the heart of all the rehearsals and the preparation of the concerts is his message of love. Jackson was quoted as saying the concerts meant a lot to him because it was an opportunity for his children to get to see their father perform. Between songs are beautiful moments of Jackson laughing and smiling with his crew, creating songs on the spot about love and how everything they do is done with "the L-O-V-E, love."

With the rehearsal footage so impressive, there is no doubt that the concerts would have been a breathtaking thing to behold. The passion of all involved surpasses the splendor of the pyrotechnics and visual effects. The question remains though as to whether or not Jackson would have had the strength and endurance to actually complete the 50-concert tour. While his skill and power are still obvious, Jackson's frail form and extremely thin frame are difficult to ignore. While the film casts a spell over the audience, it is impossible to completely escape the reality that this superstar performer is dead and that no one will be able to see these performances live. The film includes the now famous rehearsal footage of "They Don't Really Care About Us," footage that was released to the public after his death as "the last performance" of Michael Jackson. This footage jolts the audience back into the reality that this film is truly an incredible recording of the last performances of one of the greatest entertainers of all time.

Whether or not Jackson would have been able to deliver for fifty performances, he does deliver in the film. He shines most brightly in "Billie Jean" where he gives a performance reminiscent of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Motown where he first shocked the world with his dancing and the debut of the moonwalk. He takes the stage by himself in the rehearsal footage of this song, and brings his dancers to their feet, cheering the man's sensational footwork. It truly is a thrill to see Jackson, in the film, performing the now famous dances of "Beat It," "Billie Jean," "Smooth Criminal," and "Thriller" with the same power and energy he does in the music videos that awed the world. It is also haunting to see him perform a medley of Jackson 5 songs, including "Give Me One More Chance," "The Love You Save," and "I'll Be There." It is moving to hear Jackson sing "I'll

Be There," a song about friendship and love because it resonates with a different type of passion and emotion. Michael is no longer the child who sang the song as we know it. He is an adult who has seen much suffering and loneliness in his life, making the song a moment of quiet reflection about the life of a complicated man, singing with all his heart on the screen.

As someone that is a huge fan of Michael Jackson, I was extraordinarily happy with the film. I found that it re-established Jackson as the brilliant entertainer that he was known as, and affirmed that he was, in fact, still completely capable of performing to new heights of greatness. What makes this film more important though, is the fact that Michael Jackson had a message that he wanted to share with the world, a message that was tarnished by molestation charges, his reclusive lifestyle, and the overall "strangeness" of his behavior by the end of his life. Jackson's passion for making the world a better place for children pours out of him as he fervently sings the songs "Earth Song" and "Man in the Mirror," songs whose lyrics speak of making change and taking action to better the world. In the film, Jackson says that he wrote songs like these to give "some kind of awareness and awakening and hope to people." As the credits roll, the song, "Heal the World" plays, a song that Jackson declared his proudest work, a song that also captures his message: to make the world a better place for children.

Since his death, the life Jackson lead has been investigated, dissected, and examined on televisions and in magazines all over the world, trying to figure out what happened to him and brought about this tragic end. The mystery surrounding the life and death of Michael Jackson will never be solved and it should not be solved. Just as the words to one of his famous songs say, "If they say why, tell them that it's human nature," reminding us that while his talents made him seem superhuman, Michael Jackson was a human like the rest of us. He was a man capable of extreme greatness and extreme darkness.

This documentary shows both of these parts of him, and reminds us all that despite our flaws, in the end, every person deserves to be remembered for their goodness.

This film reminds all to treasure the goodness of life and say to ourselves: "This is it. Here I stand. I'm the light of the world. I feel grand."

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euphoria at the release of the seventh book, and then my cataclysmic fall when I reached its end.

But then, Doctor Rudski also intimated in his report that "there's a community that you get with Harry Potter that you don't get with heroin."

This is actually very true. Across the Internet, Harry Potter fan sites like MuggleNet.com and The-Leaky-Cauldron.org have emerged bringing content and news to eager fans that don't want the magic to end. These websites have, in the past, and continue to, encourage kids to think creatively, to read, and to write.

But most important about this grand Harry Potter community

(or "fandom" as it's called on the web) is that it has allowed for the creation of new and lasting friendships among a great variety of people around the world. It has certainly done so for me.

But is Harry Potter really done with? I think not. This work of J.K. Rowling has touched far too many lives with its timeless themes and clever characters for the phenomenon to ever fully evaporate. Not to mention its immense presence on the Internet, which has effectively immortalized it.

In time, this generation will pass the books on to their children who will eventually follow in kind. If this holds true, these books should continue to generate creativity, curiosity, and crazy Potter nerds for years to come.

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Weekend Listings



The Box

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00

Disney's

A Christmas Carol

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

The Men Who Stare at Goats

Fri. 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

The Fourth Kind

Fri. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 7:50

Law Abiding Citizen

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10

Michael Jackson's This Is It

Fri. 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:20

Gossip Guru

BY SASHA FIERCE
LIFE WRITER

Hey gossip lovers. Miss me last week? I know you did.

First I'd like to announce the awesome winners from my last contest, Elyse Fink, Kelsea Reel, and Bernadette DaCosta. Congrats girls and keep your eyes peeled for a treat coming your way. And if anyone was stumped by my question, the answer was the Jonas Brother's parody video called "Bounce."

Now for some of the more recent gossip. Hope everyone had a good Halloween. There were some pretty good costumes among the celeb crowd this year, including, but definitely not limited to, Kim Kardashian as Princess Jasmine, Spencer and Heidi (don't worry I still hate them) as the even more obnoxious couple Kate and Jon Gosselin. Go online and check it out, maybe you'll get some ideas for next year.

When I found out Glee was going on a break until Nov. 11, I must say I was beyond devastated, until I realized the cast would perform the National Anthem at game 3 of the World Series. You go kids.

Speaking of kids, Taylor Swift re-released "Fearless" as a platinum edition, and has now broken a new record for country music with her self-titled album remaining on Billboard's hot 200 albums for 157 weeks. WOW!

And I have to bring back Michael Jackson for just a moment, because, even though

This Is It got fantastic reviews, it hasn't done so hot at the box office. But on the positive side, it's no longer a limited run, so go out and see it!

Kevin Spacey got some poor waiter fired at a restaurant in Rhode Island after Spacey yelled at him. Poor guy.

Dakota Fanning was crowned Homecoming princess at her high school. And on Thursday Rihanna will finally be sitting down to tell her side of her story in an interview on Good Morning America. This is bound to be good, and now we can finally end all those rumors about why Mr. Douche himself, Chris Brown, beat her.

Roman Polanski, who is in jail for having sex with a minor back in the 1970s, is trying to buy his way out of jail.

So it's rumored that the Spice Girls will make their last and final comeback during the 2012 Olympics in London. And then they'll probably make another one five years after that. A-Rod (Alex Rodriguez), of the New York Yankees, is actually a huge ego-maniac. It turns out he has not one, but two painted portraits of himself as a centaur. You know, the half man, half horse figure. Only he can get away with that, doing steroids, being a womanizer, and still being one of the most loved men in the game of baseball.

Recommendation of the week - check out the hot new band, Parachute, they basically rock my world. Remember e-mail me at berggossipgirl@gmail.com.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Nov. 5

1) Amra Brooks reading in the Hoffman House from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

2) Movie screening of "Taking Root: the vision of Wangari Maathai" in Trumbower 130 from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Fri. Nov. 6

1) Art on the lawn celebrates National French week from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

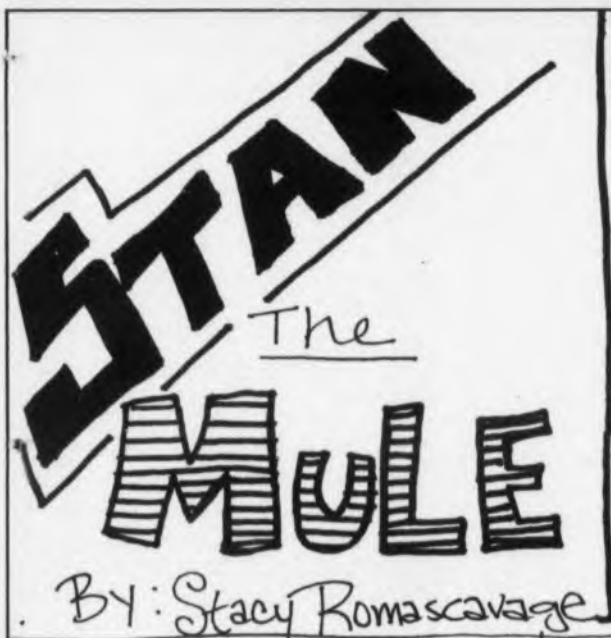
2) Dance for a Cure in the Garden Room from 10:00 pm-midnight

Sat. Nov. 7

1) Collegium Musicum in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sun. Nov. 8

1) Songs for Women's Voices in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm



Field Hockey unable to advance to Playoffs

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS WRITER

On Halloween, the Muhlenberg Field Hockey Team (9-8, 5-5) had a chance to clinch a playoff berth to the Centennial Conference Playoffs. The Mules however fell to the Gettysburg Bullets (13-4, 7-2) by the score of 1-0.

Gettysburg, currently ranked 13th in Division III, scored a goal off of a penalty corner in the second half and the Mules never responded.

'Berg had their chances in the first half but the ball was just not going into the net for them. The Mules outshot Gettysburg 6-3 and 7-2 in penalty corners all in the first 35 minutes of the game.

Unable to capitalize on these opportunities, the Mules allowed the Bullets to take advantage in the second half and win all 11 penalty corners. They out shot the Mules 7-1 and captured their fourth victory in a row by a margin of one goal.

On Saturday, the team found out that they did not make it into the playoffs. The Mules finished in a four way tie for the last playoff spot but had lost to all of the teams gunning for that final spot. Franklin and Marshall got the fifth and final spot for the Centennial Conference playoffs and the Mules finished their season 9-8.



Freshman Kiara Santana scored her first collegiate point in the Mules' last game.

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Player of the Week: Matt Cecconi Men's Soccer



Pictured on left: Men's Soccer player Matt Cecconi keeps the ball in the Mule's possession.

Cecconi was named defensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference. He played 200 minutes at right defensive back helping his team shutout Ursinus (1-0) and No. 6 Swarthmore (0-0). Cecconi also scored the team's goal against Ursinus. It was the first of the season and the second of his career is the third Mule to earn the honor of CC defensive Player of the Week this season.

For more information and to see a video of Cecconi's game-winning goal against Ursinus, see www.muhlenberg.edu/sports.

Be sure to check out page 16 for more information on the men's soccer team.



All photos and information courtesy of the Muhlenberg Website.

Mules drop one late to the Red Devils

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Before Saturday's game, Muhlenberg Football (2-6, 1-5) had had a great deal of dominance at home against the Dickinson Red Devils (7-1, 5-1). Dickinson had not won in Allentown since 1997. For three quarters it appeared as if this dominance would continue. However, the Red Devils (tied for first in the Centennial Conference) capitalized on great field position late, cutting into the 16-point deficit, and then hit a 41-yard field goal with 7 seconds left to beat the Mules 17-16.

The Mules received the opening kick and had impressive offensive production early – the first quarter has consistently been the Mules' worst quarter offensively. Sophomore Kick Returner and Running Back J.T. Merklinger was almost the sole yard earner on the drive. He received the kick and returned the ball 25 yards to the 37-yard line. Of the 52 yards of the drive, Merklinger was responsible for 42. Merklinger finished the game with 101 yards on 28 carries (it was his first 100-yard game as a Mule). The Mules' first drive ended with a 29-yard field goal by Junior Kicker Michael Katz.

Later in the first quarter, the Mules forced the Red Devils to punt the ball, giving the Mules the ball on their own 36-yard line. After the punt, Berg drove down the field and capped off the drive with a 22-yard scramble

up the middle by Freshman Quarterback Dan Deighan, making his second collegiate start. The Mules entered the half ahead 10-0.

Throughout the first three quarters, the Mules' Defense was spectacular holding a team averaging 32.7 points per game scoreless and holding them to only 164 total yards. The defense was led by Junior Linebackers Patrick McDonough with 11 tackles and Andy Curley who had 9 tackles with 1 1/2 sacks. Sophomore Defensive Back Chase Nadell was a force in the secondary, with an interception and two batted balls.

Early in the second half, the home team was forced to punt, but the ball was fumbled by the Red Devils and recovered by the Mules' Senior Long Snapper J.J. Contessa, who has recovered two fumbled punts this season. The fumbled punt gave the Mules the ball on Dickinson's 35. Muhlenberg was able to capitalize on the field position and Katz's second field goal of the game was good. Katz had a third field goal after a 43-yard punt return by Sophomore Steve Nissley later in the third quarter, making the score 16-0.

In the fourth quarter, the Mules fell apart. The defense has had trouble in the fourth quarter this season, letting up a total of 53 points in the fourth quarter – just under half of the points they have allowed in the other three quarters combined. The Red Devils scored on the

first drive of the fourth quarter on a 2-yard scramble by the quarterback. Dickinson was successful on the 2-point conversion, making the score 16-8 and cutting the deficit in half.

The Mules were able to break into Dickinson territory on the ensuing possession but a fumble killed the drive. Although the next drive by the Red Devils stalled, they pinned the Mules on their own 1, forcing them to punt out of their own end zone. The Red Devils received the ball on the Mules' 37 and took advantage, scoring a touchdown. After overthrown the Receiver on the attempt for another 2-point conversion, the score was 14-16 in favor of the Mules.

The Mules' next drive, again, ended in a punt, giving the ball to the Red Devils on their own 18-yard line with 1:22 left in the game. But, a 43-yard pass put them in Muhlenberg territory. After running the ball to better the position for the kick, the Red Devils were on the 24-yard line. The field goal was the longest of the kicker's career, but he struck it perfectly and it was unquestionably good. On the ensuing kickoff, the Mules received the squib kick but could not get out-of-bounds in order to stop the clock. The final score was 17-16, Red Devils.

Next Saturday, the Mules will travel to Ursinus (4-2, 4-4) and will attempt to stop the pass against a team that is third in-conference when throwing the ball.

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FROM WOMEN'S SOCCER | PAGE 16 Mules ahead of Ursinus several minutes later.

She launched the ball from just outside the 18; it flew with suspense through the air, going above the keeper's outstretched hands and landing in the goal.

The game had a high level of intensity throughout, as both teams continued getting shots on the goal and were forced to play their defense wisely. Toher played an especially intense game as keeper. She made three saves, another one being from point-blank range, and in doing so recorded her second straight shutout. Throughout the Lady Mules six-game winning streak, she has posted four shutouts. Also, Freshman Forward Alyssa Meola had a noteworthy shot from the 18 in the 81st minute of the game, but unfortunately it was punched over the net. In the end, Hacker's goal in the beginning of the game ended up ensuring the team's sixth consecutive win.

The match against Gettysburg was most significant; not only did it ensure a seventh consecutive win but it also determined the Lady Mule's hosting rights. Senior Midfielder Kimberly Hacker and Meola demonstrated strong communication between each other on the field as they were involved with both goals scored in the game. First, Kimberly Hacker received the ball near Gettysburg's goal line and sent it across to Meola on the left, who drove it in for her first career goal. Ten minutes after that, Meola tried to assist Hacker. Hacker's goal was stopped but Sophomore Midfielder Meghan O'Grady was able to score on the rebound for her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

Gettysburg fought the Lady Mules with all they had, managing to score 35 minutes into the game. The ball was on the Mules' end of the field for most of the second half, but the ball never made it into the goal. Like with Ursinus, Toher had to work hard in goal. Toher kept the Lady Mules in the lead, making three saves, two of which she came out to challenge Gettysburg forwards.

The Lady Mules are unbelievably excited and honored to be hosting the Centennial Conference Playoffs. The Lady Mules will play in the Semi-finals on Sat., Nov. 7 at 1pm and the Championship game will be on Sun., Nov. 8 at 2pm.. Please come and show your support for the Lady Mules this weekend! It will undoubtedly be an exhilarating game worth putting off your schoolwork to watch!

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field pass. After two quick touches, Cecconi unleashed a shot that hugged the ground and snuck past a diving Ursinus goalkeeper.

Despite now being up by the score of 1-0, the Mules did not let up on either front as they held the sometimes pathetic looking Bears to four shots and only one on goal throughout the entire game. The Mules also showed off their ability to score as they plastered the Bears' goalie with six shots on goal and six corner kicks.

With this win, the Men's Soccer Team cemented the top seed in the Conference and with that the right to host the Conference's tournament. The Mules have also received national attention for the second week in a row. In the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, 'Berg ranks no. 18 out of the top 25 in Division III. The Mules will face their first Playoff opponent on Fri., Nov. 6 on Varsity Field. They will be playing the winner of the game that pits the 4th seed Franklin and Marshall and 5th seed Dickinson.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Men's Soccer

Oct. 28

Mules	0
Swarthmore	0

Oct. 31

Ursinus	0
Mules	1

Football

Oct. 31

Dickinson	17
Mules	16

Field Hockey

Oct. 28

Mules	4
Bryn Mawr	0

Oct. 30

Gettysburg	1
Mules	0

Women's Soccer

Oct. 27

Ursinus	0
Mules	1

Oct. 31

Gettysburg	2
Mules	1

Volleyball

Oct. 28

Ursinus	0
Mules	1

Oct. 30

Gettysburg	2
Mules	3

Cross Country

Oct. 31

Men	5th
Women	7th

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25-21. The second match went to The Bullets in a 25-18 set. The Mules tried to fight back in the third but lost to Gettysburg 25-23. With the hopes of winning on the line, Freshmen Jennifer Seeba and Bryn Baker captured the set 25-14. The fifth set seemed like it was going to Gettysburg, but Sophomore Jackie Price and Senior Brittany Williams stopped their streak, leading the Mules to a winning set of 25-8. Haverford's win against McDaniel allowed the Mules to advance to the CC Playoffs.

Having gone 7-3 over their last 10 games, the Mules were looking good. The Mules (11-12, 6-4) reached the CC Playoffs for only their second time since the tournament began in 1997. In 2001, the Mules advanced to the finals but lost to Gettysburg. The Mules first round opponent is Swarthmore (18-9, 6-4), having the Mules as the underdogs. "We like being the underdog because you're there to prove yourself," said Sophomore Jackie Price. "But every team is beatable."

On playing Swarthmore, Price said, "We saw them at their best, but we weren't at our best...it's going to be an exciting match."

Muhlenberg's past with Swarthmore has been dead even as they have split the last 10 meetings, (eight in CC, two in Moravian's tournament) since 2002. Price said their one goal is to win the tournament. If the Mules win against Swarthmore they will be matching Haverford, a three-time defending champion, over the weekend. Good luck!

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Soccer players named Academic All-District by ESPN



Left: Senior Forward Kasey Hacker; Middle: Senior Forward Christina O'Grady; Right: Senior Center Back Sammy Hayden. All three earned at least a 3.3 GPA and have played significant roles in their teams' successes.

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Mules advance to Centennial Conference Tournament

Volleyball team makes first trip to playoffs since 2001 as fifth seed in CC

By ADAM BERNSTEIN
COPY EDITOR

Women's Volleyball (11-12, 6-4) faced one of their toughest competitions to

date last Friday against Gettysburg. The Mules needed to win this match to keep their eye on the playoffs. The team gave one of their best showings of the year, defeating Gettysburg 3-2. The fact that the game was at home made the win that much sweeter. Sophomore Davi Gordon said, "It was a great atmosphere and we're glad we could get a win for them today."

The win also means that Seniors Christina Gangelosi, Amy Cohen, Liz Dean, Phylicia Lee, and Brittany Williams will still have another game to play, and hopefully more than one. "We didn't want this to be their last match," said Gordon on the chance to play another game, "without all of [the seniors'] hard work, we wouldn't be the team that we are today."

The first match went to the Mules with a kill by Gordon against the Bullets to end the set at

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Men's soccer ranked first in Conference, host tournament games

By DANIEL E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

On a drizzly Saturday afternoon, the Men's Soccer Mules (11-3-2, 7-1-1) took

Varsity Field in their home white jersey tops and shorts and put on quite a show for all the parents that came out in support of their boys. The opponents across the pitch were the Bears of Ursinus College (3-11-2, 0-8-1), winless in the Conference and having only three wins on the season. While prospects looked good going in for the Mules, the game would prove to be a challenge none the less.

For the match's first thirty minutes, it did not appear that the Centennial Conference leading 'Berg was going to be able get on the board before the half, but that all changed with after the Bears turned the ball over in their defensive half and the Mules took to the offensive. Trailing this play was Junior Right Back Matt Ceconi and as he found himself in open space about 30 yards from the goal, so did his teammate with a cross-

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Women's soccer top seed in Conference, host semifinals and finals

By JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Soccer Team (12-5, 9-1) was happy to be ensured a playoff berth last

week after beating John Hopkins, but the Lady Mules knew that they had to bring the same level of intensity to teams that posed less of a threat if they wanted to ensure the most wins and the best ranking for the tournament. The Team played at the same high level in their wins over Ursinus (8-6-1, 4-4-1) and Gettysburg (9-7-1, 4-5-1) in the last week and with these wins the chance to host the Centennial Conference playoffs on Varsity Field.

Ursinus proved themselves to be worthy opponents, coming out hard and firing early within the first minute of the game. Goalkeeper Sophomore Michelle Toher; however, was on her toes and turned away a point-blank shot on goal. Ursinus received the ball again, but luckily their rebound shot went over the net. Senior Forward Kasey

Hacker put the Lady SEE WOMEN'S SOCCER | PAGE 14



Left: The Women's Volleyball Team celebrates after winning a point; Middle: 'Berg Men Soccer players rejoice with their fans at a game on Varsity Field; Right: The Lady Soccer Mules hug one out after a goal.

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Wednesday, November 4
(5) Muhlenberg (11-12) at
(4) Swarthmore (18-9), 7:00

Saturday, November 7 at Haverford
(1) Haverford (28-3) vs.
Muhlenberg or Swarthmore, 12:00

(3) Gettysburg (18-8) vs.
(2) Franklin & Marshall (23-5), 2:30

Sunday, November 8 at Haverford
championship match, 1:00

Wednesday, November 4
(5) Franklin & Marshall (9-5-3) at
(4) Dickinson (12-3-2), 2:00

Friday, November 6 at Muhlenberg
(3) Johns Hopkins (13-3-2) vs.
(2) Swarthmore (14-1-2), 4:00

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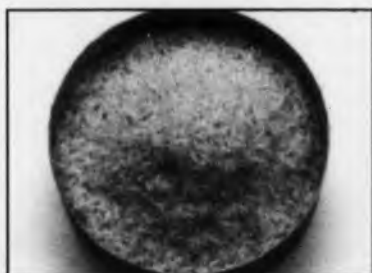
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Cody Antonini '12 and Sean Topping '97 C.C. player and coach of the year, respectively.

College Republicans tear down oppression



Adam Yu '11 takes a sledgehammer to the mock Berlin Wall.

By MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Tues., Nov. 9, students traveling through Parent's Plaza came across a mock Berlin Wall. This presentation, provided by the College Republicans, celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

On why they sponsored the event, club members felt that it was important to remember an event that often goes by without recognition. A pamphlet distributed by the club informs that "As Americans we must remember and embrace the values of freedom, liberty, and democracy that allowed those victims to overcome totalitarianism and Communism."

The original Berlin Wall was a concrete barrier built by the German Democratic Republic that separated West Berlin from its eastern neighbors. The Wall also included imposing guard towers. The Berlin Wall became the international symbol of the separation between Communism and freedom.

It has been estimated that somewhere between 100 - 200 people were killed trying to escape over the wall. On Nov. 9, 1989, almost 30 years after its erection, the East German government announced that all citizens were free to visit West Germany

and West Berlin.

The replica was 8 feet long, and 12 feet tall. Members of the College Republican organization sat a table in Parent's Plaza throughout the day. These students handed out information on the display, free posters, and were on hand to answer student questions.

"We wanted this to be a day where people recognized the travesties that occurred in East Germany, and we wanted it to be a celebration of freedom, democracy, and the victory over Communism," said College Republican President, Lauren Spirko '11.

Club members constructed the wall the Sunday night before the event took place. The wall took five hours to build and decorate. Club members enjoyed being able to spray paint the wall.

The event was a large success for the College Republicans. For an organization that used to be largely non-existent on campus, they have certainly made massive steps forward.

The event was yet another step forward in making their presence felt in the college community. Channel 69 News was even on hand to film some



The wall on display in the plaza.

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Internship panel successful

By MARY-CATHERINE ACOR On Nov. 9, the College's News Writer Communication

Club presented a student panel about internships in the Communication field.

The presenters were six students in the Media and Communication major who currently are or were interns. They spoke about their experiences and offered insight and advice about how to apply for and obtain an internship.

The panelists included Lisa Siciliano '10, an intern at MTV, Catherine Schwartz '11, an intern at a celebrity publicity agency, Ethan Feinstein '11, an intern at a public relations firm, Rachel Albert '11, an intern at Uno's Restaurants, Alyssa Scaglione '10, an intern at NBC Sports and NY1 Sports and Cathie-Marie Roca '11, an intern at a public relations firm.

Each of the panelists shared their experiences with the process of applying and interviewing for the internships. The overlaying theme through all of the panelists was that being persistent throughout the application project will pay off in the end.

Ethan Feinstein, a public relations intern who worked on a green initiative campaign, said, "One of the most important parts of the process is to follow up. I must have called the Human Resources woman a million times, and it paid off. She knew who I was when I got there and it really helped me in the end."

Another panelist agreed saying "Persistence is key, companies want interns that aren't afraid to go after what they really want and who know the steps to get there."

Other advice that the panelists gave is to keep contact with your supervisors because they will most likely want to help you in the future and networking is key.

The experiences the students shared about their internships were very exciting.

Alyssa Scaglione, a television sports broadcasting intern with NBC Sports and NY1 sports, told the students in attendance about a time she had to interview the New York Mets' third basemen, David Wright and the numerous times she found herself in the New York Yankees dugout for her internship.

She described the experience as having been utterly amazing while stating, "New York sports media is just crazy. I love it."

Another of the panelists had exciting encounters with celebrities throughout her internship experience.

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Gay marriage vote unfair?

Last Tuesday, the citizens of Maine voted on the same-sex marriage law, which was repealed. A gay rights activist said, "Maine was not ready to let gay people have the protection of the law, as well as the respect and dignity that comes only with marriage." The same-sex marriage law was rejected 53 percent to 47 percent. Several other states will be voting on this issue next year, including Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire. As of now, three states have voted to extend marriage to same-sex couples and 27 states have banned it. These important decisions never went to the state legislature.

Regardless of any of our views on gay marriage rights, the question that has people across the country and throughout our campus wondering is whether or not this issue should be voted upon in a referendum in the first place. Do we, and should we, have the right to vote on other people's civil rights?

Though putting same-sex marriage rights to a public vote like Maine has done, and California did with "Prop 8," their state governments are placing this crucial decision in the hands of the majority. By doing so, a helpless minority of gay rights activists would never be able to win in the polls. The Supreme Court has yet to rule on gay marriage, as either it being a fundamental right or simple equality, but the very fact that the Court has the right to decide, and not a public vote, should tell us something.

Only the federal courts and legislators have the authority to decide if same-sex marriage is a fundamental constitutional right. Legislators from each state who vote on different issues are used to protect the minority, so why aren't these legislators the ones voting on this issue? By placing gay marriage rights to a public vote, the very structure of our country's political system is being turned on its head.

As writer Linda Hirshman of the *The Daily Beast* put it, "the combination has pulled the American political system in a radical new direction the founders of our country actively opposed." Considering the controversy that already exists around gay marriage rights, shouldn't the government be working to unite us, not further divide us?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There are times in a person's life where one loses all faith in the good of others. Mine occurred just the other day. I was on a flight and the plane just landed. I set my wallet on the seat for a second so I could grab my tickets for my connecting flight. In that single second it was gone.

I assumed it fell, so I searched the plane, reported it missing, and looked through my bags hoping it would turn up. It didn't. Now that sickly feeling of being betrayed overcame me. The realization that it had not fell, but it had been stolen. If I am mugged on the streets, I at least have some glimmer of a hope that the person did it to eat, or because they needed to sate their addiction. But no one who can afford an airplane ticket, needs the \$40 dollars in my wallet.

I sat there in the airport with my girlfriend, waiting hopefully for a page. I was without any money, ID, EMT card, College ID, or my collection of business cards. It was a moment of true vulnerability, without any glimmer of optimism. I was angry at the thief. I hoped that they would not ask for my ID again, and that I could get on my next plane. I talked with my credit card company in the endless cycle of being on hold and bad music. I dreaded dealing with the slowest bureaucratic body on the face of the planet, the PA Department of Health to get my EMT card reissued. I realized I could not get a new Drivers License until Christmas. All this hanging like a dark cloud over the rest of my day.

Luckily, I was able to get on my next plane. I was able to get a ride to Campus Safety and I walked in, exhausted, stressed, and still a bit angry. For all my troubles that day, there was a woman who sat behind the desk who was an angel. When I told her my troubles, she warmly talked to me, made me a new ID, and gave me enough money (out of her own pocket) to survive for a few days until I could get money wired to me.

This is the life of a Muhlenberg dispatcher. They are witnesses to our troubles and they seek to fix

*Dispatchers come
through in the
clutch*

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Undocumented immigrants

By ALEX BREIDING
OP/ED WRITER

With no surprise, I was appalled by the latest diatribe from Adam Yu entitled, "All aboard the free rider express!" For those who missed the column or have simply stopped reading the garbled nonsense that appears under "Today's Issues" every week, Mr. Yu used the phrase "free rider express" to describe the existence of undocumented immigrants in the US — specifically their inclusion as human beings in the decennial US census. It is nonsensical to call the experiences of those who enter the US and live their lives under the oppression of people such as Mr. Yu as a "free ride express." The most obvious "free ride express" is one lived out by those with the most privilege — the individuals who are most oppressive of the undocumented immigrants.

It's not difficult to come by the typical complaint that undocumented immigrants are receiving benefits, while "hardworking Americans" are paying the bill by means of taxes (notice the nationalist ideal in proclaiming that only US citizens are American, rather than a citizen of any nation in South America). It is obvious that many Conservatives miss the purpose of taxes: the redistribution of wealth. Taxes are a way to combat inequality

in a system that breeds inequality. The inequalities that taxes are supposed to combat are not just economic disparities but also unequal access to services which are reserved for the privileged. Undocumented immigrants rightfully receive such benefits from taxes because they are subject to the inequalities of society. Thus, taxes serve their purpose when benefitting undocumented immigrants. Furthermore, individuals that share the opinions of Mr. Yu seem to be under the impression that everyone in the US contributes the same amount of money when completing their taxes. As a basic rule, the more wealth an individual has, the more that individual must pay to the IRS.

According to the IRS in 2007, the richest one percent of the American population owns as much as the combined wealth of the bottom 90 percent and contributes 40 percent of the total tax revenue of the nation. On the other hand, the lower half of the nation, as ranked by adjusted gross income, contributes less than three percent of the total tax revenue of the nation. Undocumented workers have consistently held the lowest incomes

of this lower tax bracket. In addition, undocumented workers represent about five percent of all the estimated workers in America (Urban Institute). Therefore, even if each undocumented worker were allowed citizenship and contributed to the nation's tax revenue, the difference between the total tax revenue with the contribution of the undocumented workers and without would be statistically insignificant.

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The ridiculousness of Mr. Yu's privileged diatribe continues around the topic of the US census and appropriations. Again, Mr. Yu clearly does not understand the purpose of federal appropriations. As it is with taxes, the purpose of appropriations is a

redistribution of wealth to lessen the inequalities of affluence and available services between geographic regions. If the federal appropriations were as Mr. Yu proposed, undocumented immigrants would not be counted as human beings in need of help in the census. Interestingly, the Three-Fifths Compromise of 1787 allowed more rights of appropriation to slaves than Mr. Yu proposes to give to modern undocumented workers.

The current census method allows for the recognition of undocumented workers' humanity and contribution to the total population of the nation; they are individuals who deserve the same rights of humanity and equality as the students at the College. Unfortunately, there are those who believe that only individuals who can vote represent the "true population" of the US.

According to the US Census Bureau, about 73 percent of adults are eligible to vote in the US. Therefore, according to this elitist world view, the "true population" of the US is about 168,000, a little over half of the number of individuals (including minors) who are subject to the laws and services of the US government.

The proposal of counting only the privileged in the decennial US census is not only supporting inequality but contradicts the idea of a representative government. The readers of the Weekly do not deserve to be subjected to the prejudicial ejaculations Mr. Yu consistently shares with us every week. The views laid out in Mr. Yu's latest column ask the nation to regress towards a society characterized by more inequality and oppression, based on socially constructed hierarchies.

Ask yourself if this is the type of nation that you want to live in.

Stand for the keg

BY BENJAMIN LEFFELL
Op/Ed Writer

The College Greening Committee is composed of faculty, staff, and students to examine and to propose policies to improve the sustainable practices at the College. They have done an admirable job, and all of the members and contributors to the Committee deserve to be commended for their hard work and the many initiatives that have helped the College become a "greener" and more socially responsible institution; however, there remains a glaring hypocrisy in our school's efforts to be "green": The Student Alcohol Policy.

Through various projects the Committee has demonstrated that our institution's foremost concern should be to cut back on unnecessary waste; one such project is the Just Tap It! initiative. The College has strategically placed more water fountains around our campus to limit the purchase of plastic water bottles. Our dining services have even reformed the way in which we will be allowed to purchase water bottles in the GQ. Other commendable actions to cut back on unnecessary waste by the Greening Committee include the implementation of single stream recycling, which allows all recyclable garbage to go in one bin, "Tray-less Tuesdays" in the Garden Room, and last year there was the Bergtricity competition, which successfully challenged students to cut down on the energy consumption of their dormitories. Our school has also recently installed newer and better irrigation systems on our fields, as well as water efficient toilets and sinks.

Though these initiatives have been great, there is always another step that we can take to lessen our community's carbon footprint. That next step could come through a reform to the Student Alcohol Policy. Principle twelve of the Policy clearly states, "The purchase or use of a bulk quantity or a common source of alcoholic beverages, such as kegs, party balls, or cases, is prohibited." This contradicts the clear message to efficiently manage our resources.

By explicitly banning the use of kegs, students can only purchase beer in the most wasteful and uneconomic manner, cardboard boxes with aluminum or glass containers. Not only are the purchases of these materials wasteful, but also such small purchases require repeated trips to the liquor store. Kegs are the most efficient method to purchase beer because the keg itself is reusable, as well as the cups that students will drink out of over the course of an evening. Additionally, they will limit the amount gas wasted on repeated "beer runs." In contrast, once a student is done with a can or bottle of beer they will simply throw it away, and one can only hope it would be in the recycling bin.

Though there is a negative stigma attached to kegs on college campuses, in this time of heightened awareness to the damage that people do to our environment, we must reevaluate all of our actions from a "green perspective." From that viewpoint, allowing students to purchase kegs would certainly be a prudent step in the right direction. This will require increased student accountability to consume alcohol responsibly, as well as a gut-check by the College to trust that they have admitted and continue to educate responsible citizens. No college should recommend that their students consume alcohol, however, if students are going to drink, they should be urged to do so in the "greenest" way possible.

Unfair treatment for Israel

BY LAUREN BERNTON
Op/Ed Writer

Amnesty International (AI) has repeatedly referred to Israel's use of force in the Gaza Strip as "disproportionate." AI's support of this claim has legitimized it and has been detrimental to Israel's public image in the eyes of human rights activists across the world—some even here at the College. Maybe it's time for an in depth look at how AI defines "disproportionate."

Donatella Rovera is an Amnesty International Middle East researcher and spokesperson. When asked how "disproportionate" was defined, she replied, "Under IHL, an attack is disproportionate if it may be expected to cause incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians, damage to civilian objects, or a combination thereof, which would be excessive in relation to the concrete and direct military advantage anticipated. Many of the attacks by Israeli forces match this definition." Yes, many of Israel's attacks do unfortunately involve civilian casualties. Yet Israel aims to target the armed, scarcely unified, entirely dispersed aggressors, while the Gaza Strip is 25 miles long, 4.8 miles wide, and home to 1.4 million people; the possibility of any retaliation without substantial collateral damage is virtually impossible. That aside, let us for a moment consider how Palestinian aggression falls into this definition. First and foremost, Kassam rockets fired in Israeli villages do not stray and hit civilians—they are aimed at civilians. This is unjustified. The "concrete military advantage anticipated" has to be close to zero in this case. In addition, the chance of "incidental loss of civilian life, injury to civilians, damage to civilian objects, or a combination thereof" is not only likely here but is the sole intention. In order for a legitimate investigation of human rights violations, there must first be uniform application of terms.

Let's talk a little bit more about "disproportionate." Earlier this month Amnesty International released a 525-page human rights investigation on the Gaza Strip. (a one-sided condemnation of Israel.) The result of which has been allegations of water restrictions and more allegations of human rights violations. If I had a world enough in time I

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Obama drama

BY STACY ZAKALIK
Op/Ed Writer

As anyone in my hometown knows, I'm a pretty liberal person. I believe in gay rights, universal health care and pro-choice. I live half an hour away from New York City and travel there often. My favorite band is Green Day, and my favorite album is one that spouts off about the "idiot America."

I happily get my news from *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and *The Colbert Report*, and believe that they are trustworthy news sources, even if their shows were created for comedic purposes. In fact, I definitely would have voted for Obama in last year's election if I was legally able to. You could say that I am the generic Liberal.

One night, while eating dinner with two friends, we began to speak about the dreaded topic of politics. Now, this is not a rant against my two friends, because no matter what their political preferences are, they are still pretty awesome people. But they said something during dinner that really bothered me.

They were speaking about how Obama has not done much to help with the recession. I could understand them saying this, as Obama has only been in office for less than a year.

But then, they began to get very heated and – dare I say it – snarky, and began to say how they hoped Obama would not be elected to a second term. They high-fived each other about the hopeful failure of Obama!

I tried to get a word in edge-wise about how I liked Obama (even if I wouldn't follow everything he says or does – because he is a politician), but the two of them were so caught up in their fervor that they just gave me a strange glance and then continued to attack Obama. I couldn't help but think, this would have never happened in my hometown.

I didn't like this at all. I have to admit that I was uncomfortable throughout the whole conversation. Yes, it's okay if you don't like the person in power and have different opinions than them, but you should not wish for the failure of the president. By wishing for the failure of Obama, you are, in a way, wishing for the failure of our country, which nobody wants to happen.

So, for anybody complaining about Obama's failures and mistakes, you should acknowledge them, but you should also realize he has only been in office for less than a year. He is not a miracle worker, and will definitely not get the United States back on its feet again overnight.

Yes, I don't agree with all of his policies, and absolutely acknowledge his failures, but I will not harp on them.

He is the leader of the United States, so I wish for him to succeed and perhaps get elected to a second term – as I wish for the United States to succeed and perhaps get past this recession.

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Today's Issues

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For months now, Congress has devoted an extraordinary amount of attention to the health care reform bill making its way through Congress. The debate over health care appears to have the stamina of the Energizer Bunny. Before health care took center stage on Capitol Hill, climate change legislation, more commonly referred to as cap-and-trade, ate up the most of Congress's time. There is an underlying motive behind the two landmark bills.

With all of these hot-button issues on the Democrats' to-do list, is it possible to enact effective legislation? The answer is most certainly not. The easiest way to explain this is to look at the gargantuan health care and climate change bills and at the process of passage they went through. The price tag for this so-called health care reform bill comes in at \$1.2 trillion.

First of all, the final bill that was printed and ready for passage was not even released three days prior to Saturday's vote. I seriously doubt that a majority of House members were truly familiar with the inner workings of this complicated legislation. It was even reported that dozens of Democratic members had already released statements pledging their "aye" vote on a bill that had not even been finalized.

Secondly, this health care reform effort displayed a complete rejection of bipartisanship and compromise. Republicans and many Democrats were shut out of the process. The Democratic leadership refused to permit any Republican amendments to the bill and neglected some concerns that their own members had. Just take a look at the effort that Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her leadership team had put into deal-making and arm-twisting. It was obvious that this health care bill was not attracting many willing votes of support from either party. Despite the legitimate objections raised by hundreds of representatives, the vote proceeded.

Instead of having the patience necessary to write good public policy, Pelosi, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and the rest of the Democrats had somewhat of a "shotgun wedding" while they forced this undesirable vote. Keep in mind that the House Republicans and the Blue Dog Democrats were not opposing health care reform because they favored the status quo or out of obstructionist motives. Simply put, they just disagree with the way in which the Pelosi plan tries to fix the American health care system. It is absolutely reasonable for our representatives to ask for more time and more accountability when a huge chunk

of the American people will be affected by this bill. But I presume Speaker Pelosi could care less about what the other side has to say, because the vote ended up following a mostly party line vote except for 39 Democrats voting with Republicans, and one Republican voting with the Democrats.

Finally, but most importantly, the voices of the American people were ignored by the Democratic House leaders. Those town hall meetings that gained a great deal of media attention should have been the indicator of dissatisfaction among Americans. If you watched or listened to the town hall meetings that occurred in both Democratic and Republican districts, the proposed health care reform only ignited constituent fury. A few days ago, hundreds of Americans paid a "house call" to their representatives by flocking to Capitol Hill. That means voters are skeptical and want their representatives to be less hasty and more responsive.

The second area of controversy: the cap-and-trade legislation that was crammed through the House over the summer is expected to cost over \$160 billion. As with the health care bill, the cap-and-trade bill received little to no input from the Republicans or Democrats opposed to the bill. Since the climate change legislation was expected to affect high energy producing and consuming states in the Midwest, those Democrats became equally opposed to passing the bill as the Republicans did. On the day of the vote, the final bill, along with its amendments, had not been open for review for more than one day.

Actually, a 300-page amendment to the bill was released in the wee hours of the morning. This cap-and-trade

legislation was just like the health care bill because it exceeded 1,000 pages and most members had little to no time to read it. Also, the American people voiced an equal amount of concern about the cap-and-trade policy. Again, the Democratic leaders felt it was more productive to hastily bring up a vote and bypass any opposition.

The final votes on passage, for both the health care and climate change bills, were as close as they could get. This is a sign that the members reluctantly passed the two pieces of legislation (including "no" votes from Democrats). Health care reform passed 220-215, and cap-and-trade passed 219-212. Why were Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and the Democratic leaders pushing so hard to have the two bills passed? Their intent was purely political. All they wanted was to have health care and climate change on their legislative record. These two issues will definitely be labeled as "tackled" or "solved" by our Democrat House members. This is part of a "sexy", politically speaking of course, list of accomplishments the Democrats want to run on in 2010.

Both bills add to America's expanding deficit, while members of the House are voting blindly, shutting the minority and any opposition out of the lawmaking process, and covering their ears in response to the voices of their constituents. We need to tell the Democratic majority to stop bullying the minority, listen to the public, and act responsibly. Health care and climate change reform is complex, and the scope of their effects will be far reaching. You and I, our families, and our neighbors will bear the brunt of the selfish, irresponsible actions of the US Congress.

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would have read the whole 525 pages. In the 67 pages I did read, I came across the methodology for collecting the facts which led to these condemnations. It reads:

"Information-gathering methods included: (a) the review of reports from different sources; (b) interviews with victims, witnesses and other persons having relevant information; (c) site visits to specific locations in Gaza where incidents had occurred; (d) the analysis of video and photographic images, including satellite imagery; (e) the review of medical reports about injuries to victims; (f) the forensic analysis of weapons and ammunition remnants collected at incident sites; (g) meetings with a variety of interlocutors; (h) invitations to provide information relating to the Mission's investigation requirements; (i) the wide circulation of a public call for written submissions; (j) public hearings in Gaza and in Geneva."

Seems legitimate and somewhat comprehensive. Ask all the parties involved. It is as firsthand as possible. The only thing is, that's not what happened. AI gathered this information solely from incidents in Gaza sources. They say so themselves. "The Mission has enjoyed the support and cooperation of the Palestinian Authority and of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations. Due to the lack of cooperation from the Israeli Government...the Government of Israel prevented it from meeting Israeli government officials, but also from traveling to Israel to meet with Israeli victims." Amnesty International did not admit the possible limitations in the scope of this report. There were no investigations of the attacks on Israel. There were no personal statements from Israelis. Talk about disproportionate.

Disproportionate coverage in the Middle East is no small issue. In today's world, public opinion has concrete ramifications. As one NGO monitor pointed out, "Amnesty's report provides legitimacy for a speaking tour beginning Nov. 1 at universities in the US, organized by the Palestinian Cultural Academic Boycott of Israel (PCABI) movement entitled 'Israel's Control of Water as a Tool of Apartheid and Means of Ethnic Cleansing.' The main speaker, Omar Barghouti, is a leader of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel," (Jerusalem Post, 2009). Divestment and condemnation of Israel based on biased reports? Amnesty International needs to readjust their lens of reality and human rights. I hope in the future, understanding will be nurtured and a truer picture of reality can emerge.

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them. When you call at one in the morning because your power went out or because a light bulb broke, or because your friend is sick and needs help, you are calling these people. This job is hard, the hours are long and it is often thankless. There are times when one loses all faith in the good of people, and then there are people who reaffirm your faith in the goodness and happiness of the world.

This is a story of the good of all who seek to aid the weary wander. Thank you Muhlenberg dispatchers for not merely helping me but serving all the students of the College. I do not, nor should any student, take for granted, the people who aid in times of need.

Sincerely,
Cameron Hass '11

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Brandon Spikes

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

It's second-and-goal and the Georgia Bulldogs offense sets up in a singleback formation with two wide receivers on the far side right. Bulldog running back

Washaun Ealey receives the handoff and immediately skips slightly to the left to avoid a would-be tackler, but a Florida Gator linebacker who is blitzing is waiting. He stacks Ealey up at the line and wraps up his ankles as three other Gator defenders swoop in and crush the immobile Ealey.

One of the defenders is Florida linebacker Brandon Spikes. On live television, Spikes rips at Ealey, but he won't surrender the ball. Spikes goes for the next best thing. He reaches inside Ealey's helmet and gouges at his eyes. Upon seeing this, a couple of Georgia linemen run over and get Spikes off Ealey. When I saw this happen, I immediately expected Spikes to have a serious suspension for his barbaric actions. There were precedents that suggested that he deserved harsh punishment. Earlier in the season, Oregon senior tailback LeGarrette Blount was suspended for the season for sucker punching an opposing player, so I was expecting similar treatment for Spike's cheap shot. However, Urban Meyer, Florida football's head coach, has announced that he is going to suspend Spikes for half of a game. You have to be joking. Suspended for a half against the worst team in the SEC (Southeastern Conference)? Meyer delivered a clear message: nothing will get in the way of his quest for an SEC title and a consecutive national championship.

The most surprising aspect of this incident was the response in the media. While several commentators have called for a more strict suspension, several have said that this is part of the game. At one point, horse-collar tackles and leading with your head were legal. Just because something is a part of the game doesn't make it right and the above examples are relevant to the game. Eye-gouging is in no way relevant to football, and it has no place in a respectable sport. Spikes could have easily blinded Ealey irrevocably. It has also been argued that Spikes' suspension is appropriate because it happens all the time when there is a scrum. But, this is a lame excuse. Just because people do it all the time doesn't mean he shouldn't be punished. People speed all the time, and the majority is never caught. However, just because the majority isn't caught doesn't mean that everyone who is caught should get away with a penny fine for going 65 in a 20.

If Spikes had done this on a street or in a bar, he would be going to jail. Spikes is supposed to be a student athlete (it is clear that "athlete" is in fact first and that "student is a distant second), but what does he learn here? He learns a valuable lesson: athletes get special treatment.

A few days after his suspension was announced, he announced he would suspend himself for the whole game. But, in the press release, he stated he was removing himself so as not to be a "distraction" to the team. He is not suspending himself to prove that he learned his lesson; he is doing so because he doesn't want to divert the attention of his team away from the game. Suspensions are designed to teach players a lesson - if not, they would just be expelled and proclaimed a lost cause - but Spikes has shown that he can't be taught. He has been told his whole life that he is an extraordinary athlete and understands the privilege that coincides with his talent. Somewhere, he was taught that he should do whatever it takes to get an advantage over his opponent. Dirty play isn't surprising or shocking, but a weak punishment for a player who reached his hand into another's helmet to gouge at his eyes is.

Hunger banquet

By SARAH LAWRENCE
Op/Ed Writer

Now that it's finally November, the most quintessential American holiday is right around the corner. Ah, Thanksgiving, an entire day devoted to food and the acts of eating. Oh, and that one little "I'm full. Now what?" conversation about what you're thankful for.

In our efforts to be thankful for what we have in our own lives, it can be easy to forget that there are others who have far less of the one thing we Americans enjoy most: food. Right now, more than 2.5 billion people in the world are living in poverty. Think about that. While we're enjoying turkey and stuffing, there are 2.5 billion people trying to appreciate handfuls of rice and sips of water. It's easy enough to mention such an experience in the abstract, but that's all it is for most of us at college—abstract.

In an effort to combat this all-too-common sense of distance from the problem, S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have A Real Effect) and Oxfam America: the College have teamed up to bring Oxfam America's Hunger Banquet to the College during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. On Wed., Nov. 18, students will have the chance to experience a slice—however small—of what it feels like to have no say in how much food reaches your plate. Students will be randomly assigned to first, second, or third class status, and then receive a meal that someone in the reality of that position would eat.

I know what I would be thinking at this point: With so many other events every day, why should I go to this one instead of something else, something potentially more fun for me?

We've all heard it enough, but it's worth repeating: I am at a liberal arts college, and I came here because I did not want to settle for one straight and narrow path to a career. I decided to come to a college where I would have to take that annoying art class and that irritating reasoning requirement, where I would have the chance to explore subjects that I might otherwise neglect—not deliberately, but simply because the material did not spark my interest the way the classes in my major do.

I will not take my assigned place at the Hunger Banquet because I have a personal connection to such severe poverty, or because I honestly think that I will be able to experience "how the other half lives." I will be accepting my lot for the hour because I know that I cannot understand - because I know that the experience is a mere shadow of the suffering experienced by so many people in the world. I came to a liberal arts college because I wanted exposure to the things that, left to my own devices, I would never have cause to consider.

When you join me on Wednesday, don't just glance at your food. Take a good, long look at it. Allow for a quick glance to see what the other classes are eating, and then look at your food again. Remember last year's Thanksgiving dinner, think of the one that you will have this Turkey Day, and then (this is the hard part) remember that to several billion people, the lonely plates before us would be as much a cause of thanks giving as our heavy-laden dinner tables.

The Hunger Banquet will take place, free of charge, on Wed., Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm in the Great Room.

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Supporting the troops

By ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

As school work begins to increase and the end of semester rapidly approaches, most of us shift gear into finals survival mode. We are forced to concentrate solely on grades, exams, and endless papers. Already trapped in the "Muhlenberg Bubble", we become even more concerned with ourselves, oblivious to the events and policies that shape our world. Yet, the cold weather and upcoming breaks also signal the beginning of the holiday season. Most of us are fortunate enough to return home to our families and delicious cooking, but there are hundreds of thousands of active military persons serving overseas, unable to celebrate the holidays in a manner that all of us hold dear to our hearts.

The conflict in the Middle East that called our troops overseas, seems to be never ending. US troops have occupied Iraq for the past six years, Iran has recently displayed their interest and determination in developing nuclear weapons; and an unstable Afghanistan forces the Obama administration to make a decision about whether the US should invest more resources in stabilizing the region.

While decisions are being debated among politicians on Capitol Hill, a group of individuals in Dr. Michael London's Organizational Behavior class have taken it upon themselves to show appreciation and support for the individuals currently serving overseas. The group was inspired by friends and family members who tirelessly and selflessly put themselves in harm's way in order to accomplish their given mission. Therefore, this group is conducting a hygiene product drive.

All donations collected from the drive will be donated to Bill & Barbara Arp from Emmaus, PA, who mail care packages to individuals from the Lehigh Valley. From Nov. 16 through Nov. 20, the group will be collecting baby wipes, razors and shave cream (no aerosol), shampoo, ladies feminine products, skin lotions, combs, and hand sanitizers.

Boxes for donations will be placed around campus in residence halls and academic buildings. During the week, the group will have tables in Seegers encouraging students, faculty, and staff to donate and sign cards of goodwill that will accompany the packages overseas. If anyone has any questions about the drive, please contact Debra Crockett or Michelle Wallace through e-mail.

"The conflict in the Middle East... seems to be never ending."

A ban on texting?

By JEN ARNER
NEWS WRITER

On Nov. 9, the House Committee on Transportation Chairman Joseph F. Markosek (D-PA) proposed legislation that would ban all Pennsylvania drivers from text messaging while on the road.

According to Markosek and a bipartisan group of legislators at a congressional news conference, there exists much evidence indicating that distracted driving is not only dangerous but often fatal. The legislation garnered much support.

"I got the message loud and clear from my constituents and residents from across the state," said Markosek, (D-PA). "They want us to disconnect distracted driving. They want safe highways and roads." House Bill 2070, the product of a bipartisan work group that included Republican Chairmen Richard Geist, also would ban holders of learner's permits and junior licenses from using any wireless communication devices while driving.

In fact, a study conducted by the University of Utah produced findings that indicated college students are eight times more as likely to be involved in a collision while texting. Similarly, a Virginia Tech Transportation Institute produced similar findings. Truck drivers who texted while driving faced a 23 times greater risk of being involved in a crash.

If violated, this bill would enforce \$50 fines which may be doubled if the offense occurred in a school zone, active work zone, highway safety corridor or emergency response area. Those exempt would include motorists who are stopped, parked, or attempting to contact 911.

If enacted, the state Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Pennsylvania State Police would be obligated to create a public education and awareness program within six months.

Ultimately, House Bill 2070 would simply follow in the footsteps of more than a dozen other states that have already introduced legislation addressing the dangers of distracted driving.

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Catherine Schwartz worked with a celebrity publicity company and said that not only did she enjoy forming a first name rapport with the agency's clients, she also learned a lot about the technical side of the business and really enjoyed her time with the agency.

The information shared by the panelists did not fall on deaf ears, as there was a significant turnout of guests for the event.

Panelist and one of the event's coordinator's, Cathie-Marie Roca, said, "The Communication Club is really pleased with the turnout for the event. A lot of people came, and we hope they gained some knowledge from our shared experiences."

A representative of the communication club shared that the club decided to plan the panel after discussing some of the issues and experiences the students had as they were applying for internships. The members said that they wished they would have had advice from those who had experienced it beforehand and decided to hold a forum to discuss the internship application process and share information about the importance of having internships from a student's perspective.

Communication Club President and panelist Lisa Siciliano said that she wanted to do the Student Internship Panel because she believes, "A student's advice about internships can sometimes be more helpful because we can give the inside scoop about what we got from them and how to make the most of them."

Students who attended the event seemed to have similar enthusiasm about the information the student panelists were sharing with them.

Ben Rosen '12, said, "The panel was very informative because I didn't realize that internships were anything more than doing the work that the company's staff doesn't want to do, like getting coffee and getting the mail, but the panelists seem to have had some real-world experiences."

Another student shared her excitement after the panel, saying that she finds it a lot of fun to be able to talk about things such as internships and future careers with other students that are as interested in them as she is.

Many students stayed after the panelists presented to ask each of the panelists personal questions about their experiences and even gained a little networking experience by talking to students who had internships they wanted. Some students even exchanged telephone numbers in order to meet at a later date to plan strategies for applying for their desired positions.

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Footage of the Berlin Wall. Members of the College Republicans were interviewed. The footage was aired on the 5:00 news Monday night.

Great focus was placed on the role of former President Ronald Reagan. On the handouts provided by the College Republicans, Reagan was quoted quite heavily. The quotes included his most famous critique of communism, "If communism is the wave of the future, why do you still need walls to keep people in and armies of secret police to keep them quiet?"

At 8:30, club members and students gathered together in parent's plaza. There, participants reenacted the destruction of the Berlin wall with the use of sledgehammers. "It really was a lot of fun," Spirko added fondly.



Members of the College Republicans by the wall.

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OFF CAMPUS

Fort Hood Memorial



On Tues., Nov. 10, President Obama led the memorial service for the 13 individuals slain in last week's Fort Hood massacre. Approximately 15,000 people attended the memorial service at Fort Hood, Texas. President Obama told the grieving families that "no words can fill the void that has been left," he added, "your loved ones endure through the life of our nation." Also on hand, First Lady Michelle Obama helped her husband lay a presidential coin before each of the 13 crosses.

The prime suspect in the attack at Fort Hood is 39-year-old Army psychiatrist, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, who is in intensive care at an Army hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Currently no charges have been filed and authorities have not been able to determine the motive behind last Thursday's brutal attack.

The FBI has expressed its belief that "the alleged gunman acted alone and was not part of a broader terrorist plot." Hasan had informed his family that he desired to leave service life and return to a civilian life instead.

Fort Hood Army Post has seen 545 soldiers killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, the post's commander, "but never did we expect to pay such a high price at home."

It is unknown if Kimberly Munley, the heroic police officer who ended the massacre, attended the memorial. Munley was one of the first on the scene last Thursday and exchanged gunfire with the suspect, Hasan. Munley shot Hasan four times and sustained injury, before the threat was eliminated. The attack from last Thursday left another 42 people wounded.

Gen. George Casey, the Army chief of staff, asked the country to "Grieve with us. Don't grieve for us."

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 2 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a stolen key. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 3 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 3 – Found Property – In the East Hall quad area, a reporting party turned in a found vehicle key. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Nov. 3 – Larceny/Theft – In the New Science Building, first floor, there was a report of theft of a College owned laptop. An investigation followed. An email was later received that a professor had borrowed the laptop.

Nov. 3 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On the front drive, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 4 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower.

The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 4 – Found Property – In the Benfer Hall parking lot, a reporting party turned in a found wallet. Attempts will be made to notify the owner.

Nov. 4 – Institutional Vandalism – At 439 N. 23rd St. there was a report of vandalism to a house. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 5 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 5 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt popcorn. The system was silenced and reset.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – In Ettinger, basement, several items were found. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was

a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset.

Nov. 6 – Larceny/Theft – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of theft of an eight-foot table and four chairs. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 6 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Hillcrest House, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, it was noted that several contractors were working in the building. The system was silenced and reset. The alarm sounded again around a half an hour later. An officer responded and saw that the contractors were still working.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, several items were turned in to Campus Safety through interoffice mail. The items were placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 6 – Disorderly Conduct – At the college's soccer stadium, there was a report of disorderly conduct at a soccer game. The individual was immediately removed from the area and was issued a Letter of Trespass from the College.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – At the soccer stadium, a reporting party turned in an iPod. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, an officer found a debit card in the ATM machine. The card was returned to the owner.

Nov. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2317 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 7 – Injured Student – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of an injured student at the residence. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 7 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center

was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 8 – Suspicious Person – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a suspicious person on the premises. Allentown Police Department responded.

Nov. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Trumbower, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Allentown Fire Department was called and Plant Operations was notified. The alarm was due to a steam leak.

Nov. 8 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle's side view mirror. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 8 – Harassment – Off campus, there was a report of harassment due to a roommate dispute at an off campus location.

Nov. 8 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was immediately silenced and reset without further incidents reported.

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- Marie Curie

The Problem intrigues audiences

By TORIE PAONE
LIFE WRITER

The Problem, written by A.R. Gurney, Jr. and directed by Riva Rubenoff, '13, was a 25 minute play about a mathematics professor and his wife was performed in the Red Door on Nov. 5 and Nov. 6.

When I was seated in the audience in the Red Door, I was intrigued by the set at hand. The set was very simplistic: a black chair behind a brown table on which a red book rested. I thought at first that a plain set might hinder the effect the play had on the audience, but it helped to deliver the message, which is what Rubenoff intended. Rubenoff did not want the scenery to take away from the actors and the story being told. The costumes were appropriate for the parts but they did not have an effect on the audience one-way or the other. Keeping the set and costumes simple allowed the audience to focus more on the actors and the message they were trying to convey.

When the dialogue began, I became enamored with the character referred to as "husband," played by Sam Fuhrer, '13. He added a sweet touch to the comedic atmosphere of the story because he was a naive man who was always surprised by his wife's confessions. The wife, played by Lily Chase-Lubitz, '13, was the core reason for the laughter in the audience. This character was always indirectly insulting her husband, yet she insulted him in a manner that was not offensive to him and almost loving. Both actors portrayed their characters well as the plot captivated the entire audience. Everyone was interested to see how the wife got pregnant and who the true father of the baby was. The audience was convinced that the husband was not the true father and wondered what would become of the seemingly odd couple. The story unraveled with a clear and concise unexpected ending. It was short and sweet and got directly to the point so that the audience was not alienated from the story.

"People need theatre for different reasons...people watch plays in order to think and focus on something other than the problems of their life."

So what was the message the playwright was trying to convey? The importance and relevancy of theatre is in the lives of everyday people. In a sense, it is a play within a play. Throughout the entire play, the husband and wife are trying to seduce each other by sharing their own story as to how the wife's pregnancy came about. When the audience realizes that the wife is not pregnant, it becomes clear that they are participating in foreplay which is the theme of the play. When it is understood that the husband and wife are happily married with children playing an acting game to put excitement in their sex life, it allows the audience to question the purpose of the short play. It would appear that A.R. Gurney, Jr. wanted to tell the audience that theatre is necessary because it is a form of entertainment that excites people and makes life worthwhile.

I went to see *The Problem* strictly because I wanted my thoughts to escape my regular life and be put into another world. People attend plays in order to escape their own lives and to gain a sense of excitement they seem to have lost in their own life. The husband and wife put on a skit about the wife sleeping with all these foreign men and being impregnated by anyone but her husband in order to put excitement into their real lives. They could have simply had sex, but instead, their foreplay consisted of putting themselves in a different world to escape the dullness of their normal married life. This idea may seem farfetched, but this thought immediately entered my head after watching the play. I thought that they were a happy married couple that put on a show with each other to put excitement into their sex life.

People need theatre for different reasons. I used to love to do plays because three hours of rehearsal meant I got to be someone other than myself. People watch plays in order to think and focus on something other than the problems of their life. The message being delivered by this play is that theatre can be used for different reasons, but mostly it used to put entertainment and excitement in our lives.

Muhlenberg Idol draws crowds and cheers



This year's *Muhlenberg Idol* competition, held Tues., Nov. 10 at 7:30 pm in the Great Room and sponsored by the Class of 2011, showcased many of the College's talented singers and performers. After three rounds of fierce competition interspersed with dance and vocal routines by hosts Adam Rogers '10 and Lisa Marie Ianuzzi '11, faculty judges Mrs. Christine Lake, Dr. Jeffrey Rudski, and Mr. Mike Bruckner (pictured above left) chose 3 finalists (pictured above right, from left to right) Greg Paradis '10, Torie Paone '13, and Gabe Martinez '10. After a final round rendition of *Try a Little Tenderness*, Gabe Martinez was awarded the title of *Muhlenberg Idol*, followed by runner-up Torie Paone. All three finalists received standing ovations from an enthusiastic crowd of students. Congrats to all participants for making this year's *Muhlenberg Idol* another success!

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Pamphlets: incredible facts

By KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

As a sex columnist, I feel that at times I am shirking the true range of my responsibilities. Sure, I have no problem churning out quirky anecdotes, being politically incorrect, or bashing presidential candidates, but how often do I tell you guys anything that could really, legitimately, improve your sex life?

Typically, I leave the guidelines to the 40-day-tantric-orgasm to experts and sweat the small stuff. However, recently I've noticed that I have often posed sex in a positive light. In media and communications jargon they call this bias. As to avoid bias, and to appease my exceedingly large uber-conservative readership, I offer this article as a compromise.

Let it be said that sex is not all fun and games; rather it is full of dangerous pot holes and what-not. What are actually fun and games are the plethora of poorly-made sexual education pamphlets, available to College students at the Health Center for only the small price of something upwards of \$40,000.

Though they are relics circa the early 1970s, they are artifacts of something truly timeless: gonorrhea, AIDS, and the clap. Well written and better yet, illustrated, they are powerful resources in the battle to keep our sexual organs puss-free.

On par, at least, with commercials of the dangerous sexual activity yet excessive physical activity of those with genital warts, these pamphlets offer an accessible and alternative source to those with too much time to watch TV and too little time to actually have sex. In other words, they're perfect for people just like YOU, with ample time to spend on such things as reading my article. So, in your best interest, I'll help you out.

Today I took a little walk. The final destination of this walk was a destination completely new to me and quite possibly to many College students: the College Health Center. As I strolled into the building I was warmly received by its dim lighting and contemporary staircase designs. On my left was a small table filled with information on everything I would ever need to know about drugs, alcohol, or any potential connection someone might have with syphilis. Here, right next to the door, I found that my anonymity could be maintained by sheer speed. Rather than wasting my time with questions to real people or certified counselors, I could quickly solve my problems with nothing more than a snatch and grab. Added bonus: I don't even have to go to the store any more to buy female condoms, as they offer them for free! Sure I have no clue what they actually are, but I bet they're just inside-out condoms anyway. As a matter of respect, I left of few of those bad boys to the general populace while filling my pockets best I could.

Seeing that their use might suggest or coincide with sex, I decided that it might be best to pick up some info first. Like sexual robot computing device, I filled what little space I had left in my pocket with all the literature I could fit. It was a hard choice but I settled on a few classics like the beloved *Gonorrhea - More common than you think* and the quintessential *About AIDS and shooting drugs*. Having never heard of any drugs used by professional marksmen, I knew I had to partake in a little old fashioned enlightenment.

The folds of this 30% post-consumer recycled paper housed a veritable cornucopia of knowledge. Behind pictures of happy high school sweethearts are the answers to *Six things you may not know about oral sex*. Beneath the guise of bland, monochromatic line drawings of Bobby Prepperton in his late grandma's wool sweater, the gypsy Vladimir Mustachio and his hermaphroditic girlfriend, and Farrah Fawcett's annual checkup, these pamphlets hid nothing but the hard facts. How the hell was I to know that gonorrhea doesn't come from shaking hands or sitting on toilet seats?

Had I just seen the accompanying picture of two people eating, I would have certainly thought they were tainted by the plague. If I hadn't been lured in by the poor designs, I would have certainly never known that there are other ways to show I care than sex. Did you know you can rub, hug, or dry kiss? What is tongue gonna get you but something nasty? The best part is, if I was five or 95, I would still get that a picture of an arrow going into a cartoon guy's heart is shorthand for AIDS. Really, there is something for everyone! Honestly, for everyone!

If the College doesn't offer the pamphlet you need, it does offer a pamphlet on how to order the pamphlet you need! Do you like incredible facts? Then the incredible facts series is for you, delivering incredible facts on everything from stress to tattoos to women's bodies. Are you insensitive and ask inappropriate questions? Then the *Eating Disorders: What? Why?* pamphlet is the one for you. Are you familiar with the alphabet but not with hepatitis then grab a copy of the *Hepatitis ABC's* today! Do you wanna get stronger with bands for some reason? There is a pamphlet for that. Did you not like *Abstinence: Incredible Facts*? Then you can still enjoy *Abstinence: Facts*, now with 50% less incredible! Are you a new mom? Snatch up *New Mom Tips* now! Are you a new dad? Yoink a copy of *New Dad Tips*! Are you a newborn? Don't be discouraged that you can't read; drool all over *Newborn Tips*. Hey, are you inadequately pressured by others? Consider reading *Look Who's Smoking Too!* Do you sometimes wonder if you can sue a creepy guy? Try *Flirting or Harassment* on for a spin. Have you answered yes to any of these questions? Then gather up 36 cents and 50 other friends with 36 cents and you'll each have a pamphlet within two to three weeks!

Do you think you have an STD?

Well read about it first.

Get your motor running

By E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

When I began this week's article, I did not think I'd be delving into a debate that has raged through millennia. You know that argument some women

pull, about men's "shallow" physical attraction? Conversely, these women are "deep" because they are drawn in by an intelligent mind and witty banter? Apparently not.

I opened the floor with the question, "What attracts you?" leaving it wide open to any interpretation. Nice perfume, perhaps, or the shade of her locks. Maybe she can cook chicken like Mom does.

My answers from the guys included looks, the shape of her back or the nape of her neck, but they also mentioned things like an appealing voice or laugh and a good sense of humor.

Girls surprisingly lingered in the physical. Many girls appreciated a toned body; body parts were mentioned first. Shoulders and back. Biceps. Chest. Six pack. "Big strong legs. You could crack something between those thighs...or his butt cheeks."

For some people it's just a type: Indie kids. Asian chicks. Short girls. Guys in sweater-vests. But for others, it's a gesture -if he asks how her day was, if he holds the door.

Or an interest: one girl told me a man who's passionate about something, be it cause or hobby, is very alluring. And maybe it's a talent. Musicians are hot. Someone told me, "Guitar is the sexiest instrument." (Why does learning a guy plays an instrument make him infinitely more appealing? Perhaps it's the associations. If he plays an instrument, he has to be dedicated. If he plays an instrument, he must write songs. Songs = emotion, therefore he's an emotional fellow.)

On the other hand, though I asked about enticement, people offered up turn-offs. For both sexes, arrogance was high on the list. "Messy eaters" are also unattractive. A girl listed excessively fit (bulky) men as a no-no in her book. Some girls are opposed to jewelry just as some males are opposed to overly revealing clothes.

I set out on a mission to find out if men and women had similar turn-ons. I ended up finding out that everyone pretty much looks at similar things; women, just like men, appreciate physical appearance. Shallowness debate: squashed.

Beat it

By E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

Some of my peers were kind enough to answer a few questions on a subject everyone wonders about but not many ever get to know the, er, gritty details

of. Ladies and gentlemen, let's talk about masturbation.

The majority of males do it, whether they talk about it or not, and a lesser amount of girls do it, a greater number, I suspect, than actually say they do. I started my interrogations with the basics: "How old were you when you started masturbating?" - between 10 and 16 - "Where do you do it?" - in bed at night, in the shower, wherever's convenient at college - and "Have you ever walked in on your roommate?" - probably about half said they'd either been walked in on by or happened upon a roommate, the other half said no.

And then the big one: "How often do you do it?"

My results varied. A lot. A few freshmen said they flushed the pipes more than once a day, but most guys said between one and three times per week. This has changed, significantly, since starting college. Most of them said they've hardly "peeled the banana" here. The upperclassmen I spoke to had slightly different results. They masturbate far less, despite the greater privacy found outside the dorms and said that having a girlfriend "strongly correlates" to the frequency of their spanking. Being in a relationship decreases the need to masturbate. According to the freshmen, having a girlfriend does not change how often they wax the rod. And girls, if you think your boyfriend envisions you in your naked splendor as he walks the dog, think again. In the eloquent words of one freshman, he "NEVER masturbates to [his girlfriend]." Or, as an upperclassman put it, "That's the last thing I want."

Some girls may be under the impression that guys talk about masturbating all the time. But about half of them said they only talk about it if someone else brings it up.

Next I asked what they thought about girls masturbating. All of them thought it was a good idea and most followed up with their conception of female masturbation habits.

Accurately, they observed that girls do not like to talk about it. But those who did said they began masturbating around the same time guys do, between 12 and 16, and they do it at night. Surprisingly, the girls were more apt to imagine their boyfriends than boys were to imagine their girlfriends. Additionally, the girls gutsy enough to share said they're pretty open about it with their friends, just like guys.

Evidently, despite a few variables, there isn't much difference between the sexes in their masturbation habits. No matter how you twist it, stroke it, or rub it, masturbation may not be something you feel comfortable discussing with your significant other, but I applaud those that take the plunge and break the self-satisfying barrier.

**Battle
of the
Sexes**

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Nov. 12

1) "Why Darwin Still Matters" lecture from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm in Miller Forum

2) *Moving Stories* performance from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in Baker Theater

Fri. Nov. 13

1) Twister tournament in the Great Room from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm

2) *Moving Stories* performance from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in Baker Theater

Sat. Nov. 14

1) Jazz ensemble concert from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm in Empie Theater

2) *Moving Stories* performance from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm and 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in Baker Theater

Sun. Nov. 15

1) Faculty recital from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall

2) Hillel Student board meeting from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm in Seegers Union

Think inside the box

BY RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

"The black box theater (or experimental theatre) is a relatively recent innovation, consisting of a simple, somewhat unadorned performance space."

Picasso at Lapin Agile, by Steve Martin (yes, the actor!), is a philosophical argument about art and science. Its witty humor captures the audience with joke after joke and the actors and actresses keep the audience engaged the whole time. Only an hour long, doesn't stop the performance from being a winner. Einstein (played by Davis Alianiello, '13) might have stolen the show. However, the clever and sharp character of Germaine (played by Kathryn Krull, '12) has fast and witty lines that capture the audience and make you laugh again and again. Sagot (portrayed by Sarah Weber, '13) was fast-talking

and quick moving. Her mannerisms and speech engage the audience to the fullest. Picasso's (Garrett Gallinot, '13) grand gestures and sassy speech make every audience member smile and smirk while Suzanne (Anna Treichler, '10) was fun loving. Her various roles made her performance creative and cool. The entire cast of *Picasso at Lapin Agile* were all entertaining with their witty lines and fast paced dialogues. It was definitely a huge hit and big success.

Picasso at Lapin Agile opened Nov. 1 and only ran until Nov. 3. Even though its run was short, the show got a lot of attention. Audience consensus was positive and praises ran high. Entertaining and filled with easy humor, it kept the audience reciting the jokes long after the left the show. More should have had the opportunity to catch the performance. This is one show that kept people "ice box laughing" all week.

Question of the Week:

What type of bread best exemplifies your personality?



"A hot dog roll without the meat."
- Ali Schklair, '12



"Honey whole wheat."
- Molly Weinberg, '11



"Challah bread."
- Jon Blau, '12



"Cinnamon crunch bagel."
- Lauren Satkwich, '12



"Gingerbread."
- Sharon Krome, '13

Courtesy of Kevin Tomasura

AMC Weekend Listings



The Box

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:10

Disney's

A Christmas Carol

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Sun. 2:30, 4:50, 7:30

The Men Who Stare at Goats

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 8:00

The Fourth Kind

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20

Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:20

Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:50

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Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

Sat. 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

Sun. 12:10, 3:30, 7:00

Michael Jackson's This Is It

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:20

The real thing: a sweet Italian pizzeria



A taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

A few weeks ago, I accompanied my roommate, Melissa Goldenberg, and a bunch of her classmates to a dinner trip into Allentown to try local Mexican cuisine. We had planned to eat dinner at Taqueria Los Amigos, but with a twist of fate, we ended up eating at a nearby restaurant called Sweet Italian Pizza located at 535 North 7th Street. Though it seemed that this restaurant was not Mexican, we were surprised to find that this suspected slice of Italy has a wonderful secret: Sweet Italian Pizza is also a Mexican restaurant!

Slightly confused, yet still hungry, we entered the restaurant. We sat around the small tables, which the employees nicely arranged to accommodate us, completely filling the seating area, which is rather small because it is more of a take-out restaurant. We were handed copies of the Mexican menu, "Platillos Mexicanos." This menu is

different from the Italian menu, and is completely in Spanish.

Before we all ordered, the waiter explained each item on the menu. There were "chalupes con carne o cecina," which are toasted tortillas with cilantro and onion. They came with a choice of beef or cecina, which is a processed meat that is pretty salty and tastes a lot like beef jerky. Most people order beef instead of cecina. It is made with fresh tortillas, and, no matter which meat is ordered, the plate is a popular choice.

I ordered a "torta," which is a Mexican hoagie, a sandwich with meat, tomatoes, cheese, cilantro, and jalepeño peppers (you can order it without the peppers). It was INCREÍBLE! I highly suggest ordering a torta with the peppers because they're not as spicy as you'd think. The best thing about the tortas is that the restaurant makes their own bread, so the ends of the sandwich are phenomenal. The tortas are pretty big, so be prepared to eat a lot or save some for later.

The restaurant offers an entire section for tacos, a common favorite. But don't be fooled, these are not your average hard-shell tacos - these are authentic soft tortilla tacos, and the best kind out there. One taco only costs \$2.50, and a plate of three, which is what most people order, is \$7.00. I highly recommend them. There are different types of tacos with different meat, but the most popular are the chicken tacos. Each taco consists of strips of chicken, cilantro, and onion, all rolled in a soft tortilla, and each plate comes with a lime. I suggest squeezing the lime over the tacos,

it really adds to the flavor. Tacos also come with your choice of red or green salsa, and a white cream that is, more or less, a Mexican sour cream.

Other items on the menu are "chuletas a la Mexicana," which are Mexican-style pork chops, and stews such as "caldo de mariscos," which is a seafood stew.

One of the first things that I noticed about this menu were the prices: everything is between \$5.50 and \$10.00. If you're short on cash, which most college students are, Sweet Italian Pizza is the perfect solution for both your wallet and your stomach. But let me assure you, the cheap prices do NOT mean bad food. The easiest and most efficient way find the Mexican menu from this restaurant is to go get a copy for yourself.

For those who were wondering, the secret behind the name is all about the business. The owners wanted to start a restaurant, and they knew that Italian restaurants would get a lot of customers, and they hoped there might be some who wanted their Mexican food as well. They reported that they sell half-and-half Italian and Mexican food. There is a long Italian menu available, as well as a list of Italian menu items up on the wall in the restaurant.

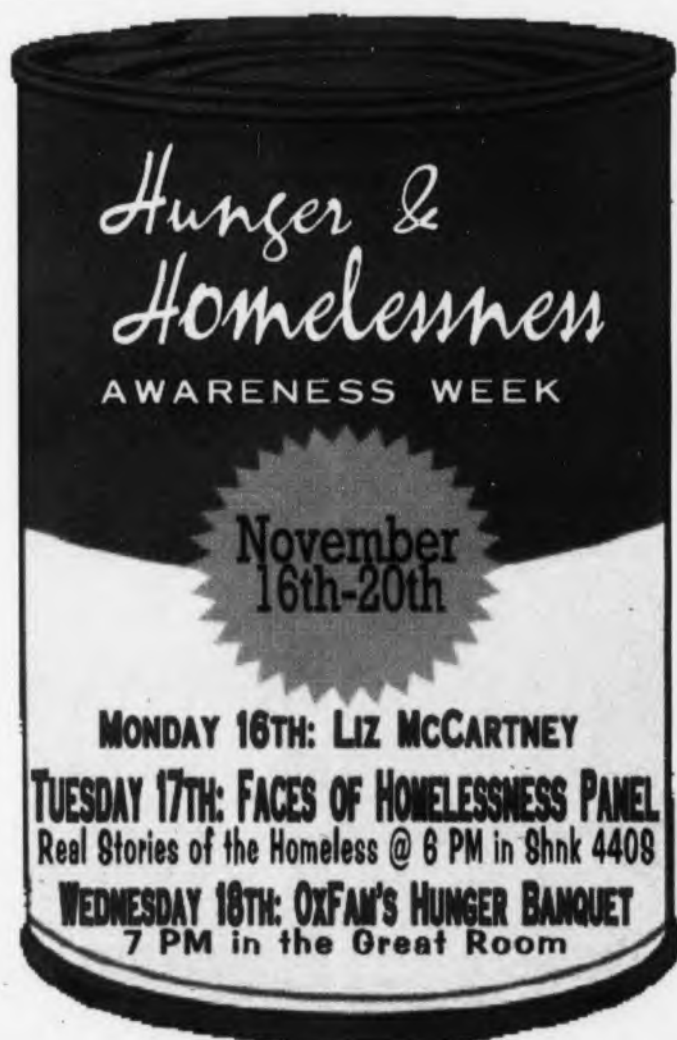
During our meal, a handful of people came into the restaurant and picked up pizza. I have not had the pizza or anything off the Italian menu, but I've heard it's all very good, and the pizza that was on display looked great.

Prior to eating at Sweet Italian Pizza, I had always disliked Mexican food. I'm not much of a taco person, I don't really like beans, I'm definitely not a cheese person, and cilantro is not my thing. Needless to say, I was a bit apprehensive to eat Mexican food with Melissa, but once I tried the food at Sweet Italian Pizza I was completely converted into a Mexican food lover. The food at this restaurant is authentic, and it leaves Americanized Mexican food in the dust!

By far, the best thing about this restaurant is that it satisfies the needs of every lazy and/or time-lacking college student: they deliver! I've ordered Mexican food from Sweet Italian Pizza twice since I went with Melissa, and it's always good. I got chicken tacos both times, and now whenever I order I have a whole group ordering chicken tacos with me.

When you call, make sure you specify that you're ordering from the Mexican menu, and if you're ordering the tacos, make sure you say how many *individual* tacos you want, just so it's clear. (For example, if you want three full plates of tacos, and you simply say "three orders of tacos, please," they will only give you three tacos. If you want three plates of tacos, say nine tacos.) They'll deliver the food right up to your dorm, and it's absolutely worth the wait!

Don't be afraid, taking risks in food can be worthwhile! If you're in the mood for food that you're already comfortable with, and new cuisines don't sound exciting for you, by all means, go hit up your nearest Chili's; however, if you're one of the daring, and you're hungry for food AND culture, I strongly encourage you to try the food from Sweet Italian Pizza.



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Alexis Bates:

scholar, athlete, international traveler

BY VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

Alexis Bates, a Senior Captain on the College Women's Basketball team, is very anxious for the season to begin; however, there are a lot of other things on her mind during the preseason such as her current internship at Altitude Marketing and her memories and life-changing experiences from studying abroad last summer in Ireland.

As a basketball player, it is almost impossible to study abroad because the basketball season goes from the late fall to early spring and provides no time to go without missing some of the season. But Bates, who was determined to have an experience abroad, without missing any of the season, researched various abroad experiences and decided on Ireland for a six-week program last summer. Two other Women's Basketball players, Junior Guard Kelly McKeon and Senior Guard Kaitlyn O'Malley, accompanied her. They spent their summer in Dublin, where they took classes and traveled all over the country of Ireland. Since basketball was so important to Alexis, she knew she could not have missed any of the season but was so grateful to have such a wonderful summer experience out of the country.

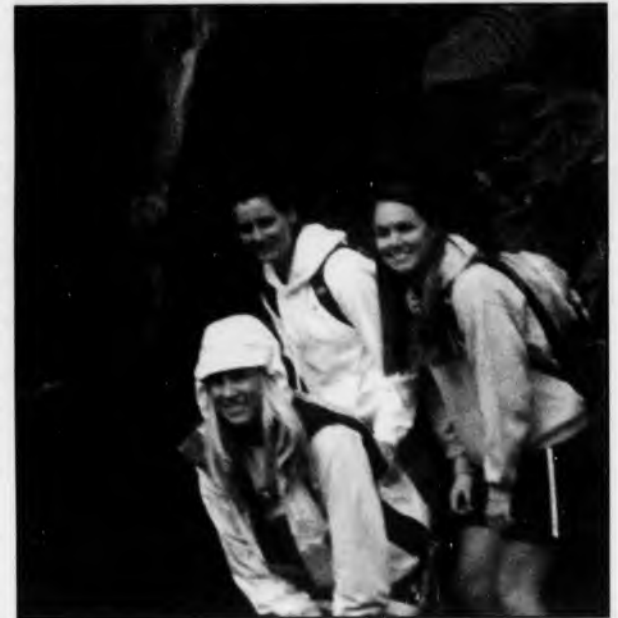
"Basketball is a huge part of my life and one of my favorite things to do," said Bates. "So I knew I could not miss a part of my season to go abroad; however, I was fortunate enough to be able to study abroad in Ireland for six weeks in the summer. It was an amazing experience that really opened my eyes to the world".

Alexis came back to school eager to gain more real world experience and got an internship at Altitude Marketing. She goes there everyday and is enjoying the experience immensely.

"I have learned so much and everyone there is so helpful," said Bates. "This is definitely a career path I am interested in."

But aside from all of this, Alexis is still just as excited to play in her final season at the College. Basketball, which has meant so much to her, is nearing an end and she just wants to enjoy it as much as possible. Scotty Wood, the Men's and Women's annual kickoff basketball tournament is her current focus.

"I am so so so excited for Scotty Wood!" said Bates. "Today at practice it was all I could think about...the countdown is 1 day and I just can't wait! I just love everyone on the team so much and I am excited to begin the season. I hope we can perform as well this year as we did last year."



Clockwise from top: Senior Guard Kaitlyn O'Malley, Junior Guard Kelly McKeon, and Senior Forward Alexis Bates on their trip to Dublin.

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Volleyball season over with loss to Swarthmore in opening round

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

The fifth-seeded Mules (11-13) lost in the opening round last Wed., Nov. 4, against Swarthmore (19-9). 'Berg won the first set, but lost the next three straight. Senior Brittany Williams led the team with 11 kills. Freshman Bryn Baker set up her teammates with 26 assists. Sophomore Davi Gordon was fearless, leading the team with 16 digs.

The Mules started the season with a 1-4 start, but were able to battle back towards .500 with a 7-3 October. Senior Phylcia Lee had a spectacular 240 kills on the season to go along with her 304 digs and 33 blocks. Lee had a fantastic career at the College and is ninth in kills in the history of Mules' volleyball with 729. Baker also had an extraordinary season with 723 assists, eighth overall – even though she is only a freshman. Senior Christina Cangelosi led the team in digs this year with 522 to add to her record 1434 digs (the most in the program's history). Williams also contributed greatly to this season with 270 digs, 159 kills, and 25 blocks.

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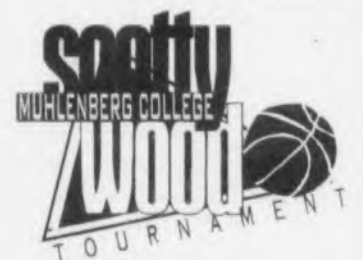
Pep Band, The Mule,

Tailgate style Menu,

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Turnovers plague 'Berg football for another week

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Turnovers cost the Muhlenberg Football Mules (2-7, 1-6) the game against Ursinus (5-4, 5-2), Saturday afternoon at Patterson Field, in a 24-10 loss. Although outgaining Ursinus 267-181, four turnovers (all of which were converted into points) lost the game for the Mules. Ursinus pressured the Mules frequently in the backfield with 14 tackles for a loss, including three sacks.

The Ursinus Bears were the first to get on the board with a field goal late in the first quarter. After picking off the Mules at their own 40, the Bears returned the interception to the 17, which set up a 26-yard field goal.

Late in the first, the Mules offense got rolling on a drive that was highlighted by a 55-yard strike from Freshman Quarterback Dan Deighan to Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta. Deighan completed 12 of his 15 passes to Cresta for a total of 196 yards. Cresta became the first Mule to catch 12 passes in a game since 1997 and just the third to do so in the history of the College. Cresta has been phenomenal all season and is second in the Centennial Conference in receiving yards and receptions.

In the opening seconds of the second quarter, the Mules capitalized on the drive. They deferred to Junior Kicker Michael Katz on fourth-and-goal, who kicked a 22-yard field goal – tying the score 3-3. Muhlenberg stopped Ursinus on the next drive, but an illegal block penalty on the Bear punt backed them up to their own 9-yard line. The Mules hurt themselves again when they fumbled the ball on the 5, giving the Bears the ball within the red zone for the second time. Two runs were all Ursinus needed to punch the ball in, making the score 10-3 with 11:33 left in the half.

The ensuing drive started on the 50-yard line, aided by a 5-yard offside penalty on the Bears on top of a 33-yard return by Sophomore Kick Returner Chase Nadell. The Mules were backed up 10 yards on the first play after a holding penalty.

On the next play, the loss was nixed by a 10-yard run by Freshman Running Back Terrence Dandridge. A few more runs by Dandridge and two first-down completions from Deighan to Cresta set the Mules up on the 2-yard line. Dandridge's second 1-yard rush was for a touchdown. The point after by Katz tied the game at 10. The Mules stopped the Bears again, but another good punt gave them vulnerable field position on their 12.

On the first play of the drive, the Mules' fumble was returned by the Bears for a touchdown, making the game 17-10. Neither Muhlenberg nor Ursinus were able to score again before the half.

Ursinus forced another fumble on the opening drive of the second half, giving them the ball on the Mules' 36. The Bears wasted no time, scoring a touchdown on their first play of the drive.

The Mules' defense was able to hold the Bears scoreless for the rest of the game, but the offense was not able to score. The defense was led by Senior Cornerback Cameron Ahouse, who had two interceptions (one in the red zone), and Junior Linebacker Patrick McDonough, who had eight tackles.

The Mules' last game of the season will be Sat., Nov. 14 at home against Moravian College Greyhounds (2-5, 2-7). The Mules will try to stop the Moravian special teams who leads the Centennial Conference in kickoff-return yards, averaging 23.4 yards a game. The College will take this opportunity to thank all of the seniors.



Senior Running Back Codie Bender became the fifth Mule to lead the team in rushing in a game this season, gaining 40 yards on 12 carries.

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IM Handball starts with huge match-ups in the Field House



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BUDDY CAVALIERE
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Intramural Team Handball kicked off the season this past Sunday and it showed that we have a great season ahead of us. Day one displayed the first three games of the season and there were some stellar performances. Although we are yet to see what all the teams have to offer, we did get a chance to see six of them, and the six of them definitely set the bar very high for the season.

The first game of the year was Team Taze against Second Flaw Walz. Right from the opening whistle, Team Taze showed their dominance. The team consists of a mix of players that played on different teams last year as well as some new faces to the league. Junior Chris Harper, Senior Brian Ward, and Senior Jeremy Marcus all played on different teams last year but came together for this season to try to win a championship. All three of them showed tremendous offensive ability. A new face to the league is Junior Jared Holenda. His great athleticism and ability to lock up the best player on any team could help him be the best defensive player in the league.

Team Taze also has one of the best goalies in the league, Senior Dave Emerson. Emerson is yet another player from an old team that decided to join forces and become a part of Team Taze in hopes of winning the coveted Intramural Handball Championship shirt.

The second game was held between Kon Tiki and Delta Tau Delta. Although the name remains the same, Kon Tiki is a whole new batch of guys. This batch went by a different

name last year and showed they have what it takes to get to the championship. DTD's attack, led by Junior Daniel Wayne and Senior Tom Pritchard, kept it close for most of the game but fell short in the end. Kon Tiki was led by Juniors Mike Williams and Matt Cecconi. They proved even with blurred vision they are one of the stronger teams in the league and will have to be tested at a high level if they are to lose. Cecconi possesses the ability to inspire his team to play hard especially when it comes to "his freshman."

The final game of the night was Team Work against Tuck's Dogs. Tuck's Dogs was one of the stronger teams last year, but they felt as if they came up short when they did not make the championship game. They will be out to avenge that loss and make it to the big one this year. Team Work consists of several great arms and athletes including Juniors Pat Rowan and Jamie "Shifty" Schiffenhaus. Team Work got out to a great start at 1-0 with some help from goalie Junior Joe DiCecilia, along with the rest of the team.

Another team to watch this season is China King's Goal-Rillas. Although they were not active in play during week one, they definitely are one of the better teams in the league. They will be a tough team to slow down when they get going. The team will be led by Seniors Ari Jacobson and Will Garrity on the attack and Sophomore Clint Lynch in goal. They have a ton of speed, strength, smarts, and will definitely have a shot to go far this IM season.

Centennial Conference Fall Academic Honor Roll

To be nominated for the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll, a student must meet the following criteria: (1) a starter or key reserve on the team; (2) a sophomore or higher in class standing; (3) cumulative GPA of 3.40 or higher.

Men's Cross Country

Andrew Henry, Sophomore
Matt Lauletta, Junior
William Lowrey, Sophomore
Bobby Torphy, Junior

Women's Cross Country

Kim Bier, Junior
Kate Mahoney, Junior
Abby Simons, Junior
Melissa Ugelow, Sophomore

Men's Soccer

Sammy Hayden, Senior
Josh Luginbuhl, Sophomore
Tommy Reilly, Junior
Adison Weseloh, Senior

Women's Soccer

Kasey Hacker, Senior
Jennifer Lynch, Senior
Ashley O'Grady, Senior
Christina O'Grady, Senior
Valerie Patriarca, Junior
Lauren Petri, Junior
Caryn Viverito, Senior
Jamie Weiss, Sophomore

Volleyball

Caitlin Dombkowski, Junior
Davi Gordon, Sophomore
Brooke McQueen, Sophomore

Football

Codie Bender, Senior
Matt Boland, Senior
Andy Curley, Junior
Jake Floyd, Senior
Michael Katz, Junior
Steve Nissley, Sophomore
MJ Rus, Sophomore
Brandon Turner, Sophomore

Field Hockey

Tara Cohn, Senior
Brittany DeAngelis, Sophomore
Courtney DeAngelis, Sophomore
Kristen Sabia, Senior
Cait Teegarden, Sophomore

Men's Soccer Antonini, Topping named Player, Coach of the Year

By D. E. WAYNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Though the season did not end favorably for the Mules, on Sun., Nov. 8, the 'Berg Men's Soccer Team was rewarded in praise from the Centennial Conference Honors Committee.

Sophomore Midfielder Cody Antonini was named Centennial Conference Player of the Year for the 2009 season. He is the first ever sophomore in C.C. history to win the award. Antonini finished the season with 1.62 points per game and .75 goals per game, ranking him second and third, respectively, in the Conference.

Antonini wowed everyone who watched him throughout the year, especially at the start of the year, scoring ten goals in the first twelve games.

The 'Berg coaching staff also received recognition as Head Coach Sean Topping '97 was honored as Centennial Conference Coach of the Year. He is the first player/coach to be named to both the All-Centennial Conference First-Team and to coach a team to a regular season Centennial Conference champion.



Left: Sophomore Forward Cody Antonini was named C C Player of the Year; Right: Head Coach Sean Topping was named C C Coach of the Year.

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NHL's Collective Bargaining Agreement can see the writing on the wall

By ALAN BASS
SPORTS WRITER

With the current Collective Bargaining Agreement coming to a close at the end of the '10-'11 season, the negotiations will start up yet again when the current

season comes to a close.

And we all remember how the last negotiations turned out, right?

Since the negotiations will most likely be as intense as last time, if not more so, why not take the time to go through the major points of discussion that will be brought up over the next few years.

Compensation Percentage- Since the last CBA was reached, player salaries have risen from 54 percent of league revenues to 57 percent. The league is going to desperately attempt to lower this back down to the 54 percent that was originally in play after the 2005 lockout.

Contract terms- With Rick DiPietro getting the 15-year contract and players like Mike Richards, Marian Hossa, Brian Campbell and numerous others signing huge extensions, it brings up the question of whether or not the league should cap the length of a contract extension.

Consider this unorthodox example: in EA Sports' NHL games (since NHL '09), the maximum contract length you can offer to a free agent or a member of the team is six years. True, there are probably numerous reasons for this, due to coding, cheating, and others that no one can think of.

But think how realistic this is. Why wouldn't the league want shorter contracts? It would decrease the amount of money being thrown around and would certainly decrease the amount of guaranteed money that can be offered to a player. And less money means more profits.

Unrestricted free agency- The rule that was agreed upon in the 2005 CBA was

that a player becomes an unrestricted free agent at age 27, rather than age 31, as was originally in place. What about Jay Bouwmeester being a UFA at age 25, you say? Well, the rule also states that if you play at least seven seasons in the NHL, you are also eligible for unrestricted free agency.

NHL GMs do not like this rule at all, as it drastically raises salaries and prevents teams from keeping core players in their organization. Let's be realistic here: what player would turn down a chance at unrestricted free agency and multi-millions just to stay in the city he is in? Would you rather make \$2 million in the city you're currently in or \$4 million in another city? I thought so.

Olympic participation- Players want to play in the 2014 Olympics, and the league doesn't. Who is going to win this seemingly endless argument?

Cap count- Right now, minor pro compensation and signing bonuses for players in the minors aren't factored into the salary cap hit. This allows teams to keep more players on their roster and sign more players at a time. The league is going to try to dispute this, as they believe signing bonuses and such are being used unfairly in order to prevent teams from loading up a signing bonus and skimping on the part that counts against the cap.

Revenue Sharing- Do top teams want to keep bailing out bottom teams? Toronto, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, and Montreal may say no, but I'll bet Phoenix, Florida, Tampa Bay and Nashville say yes.

NHL owners will claim that it is not the responsibility of the higher-tiered teams to bail out the lower-tiered teams. The NHL's response? Look at the NFL; revenue sharing in that league is 100 percent equal: revenue is evenly distributed among all 32 teams, no matter what. And just look how well that league is doing and its television markets.

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Women's Soccer earns bid to NCAA Tournament

BY JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend proved to be just as tough weekend for Women's Soccer as it did for the Men's Soccer team. Even having a home field advantage didn't help them enough, as they fell to Dickinson in the Centennial Conference playoffs, ending their seven game winning streak. The final score was 4-2, allowing Dickinson to advance to the CC Championship game against Johns Hopkins.

The speedy Red Devils managed to score the first goal of the game only six minutes into it. Ten minutes later, however, the Lady Mules were able to tie the score, as Sophomore Forward Nicolette Miller intercepted an attempted clearing pass and beat the Red Devil Goalie to the post. The score remained a tie throughout the first half, with Dickinson owning a 9-3 advantage in shots. Sophomore Michelle Toher proved worthy in goal, making five out of her eight saves throughout the game in order to keep the score tied. Toher also did a tremendous job in goal, considering how the Red Devils managed to get around so fast, attacking the goal from every angle.

It was in the second half of the game that the Lady Mules fell. At the start of the second half, the Red Devils broke the tie within the first six minutes, scoring two goals off restarts. One goal was a free kick from near midfield and the other one was a corner kick. They scored again around the 16th minute, putting them further ahead of the Mules.

The Lady Mules never gave up and fought hard for the ball until the very end. Freshman Alyssa Meola scored from outside the box with less than ten minutes left; however, the Lady Mules did not have time to manage a full comeback.

On a brighter note, the Lady Mule's season is still not over. In fact, they received one of 21 at-large bids to the NCAA III Division Tournament. It will be the fourth NCAA appearance for the Lady Mules and their first trip to the NAAs since 2003.

Although they fell to Dickinson, who did not receive a bid, the Women's team earned their bid from their previous strength of their schedule against strong teams this season. 'Berg has previously played three other teams on the field, including Oneonta State, Messiah, and Johns Hopkins, the only other CC team invited, and has also faced teams with winning records, such as Penn State Altoona and Scranton. Their winning streak in the CC tournament up until their match with Dickinson also played a big part in allowing them to receive their bid.

The Lady Mules will travel to Geneva, NY this weekend to play Ithaca on Sat., Nov. 14 at 1:30 at William Smith College. If they win that game, they will play the winner of the William Smith v. Simmons game on Sunday. If they win again, they will take on the winner of the Regional hosted by Rochester. The Lady Mules may not have done well on their home field last week, but perhaps being on the road again will do them good.



Senior Midfielder Kasey Hacker was the only Mule named to the All-Centennial Conference First Team. She looks to propel 'Berg past Ithaca College this weekend in the NCAA Tournament

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Men's Soccer fall in C.C. semi-finals; receive no bid

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For the second straight year, the Men's Soccer Mules fell at the hands of the Dickinson College Red Devils in the Centennial Conference Semi-Finals. While all appeared to be different for this matchup, 'Berg was now hosting the tournament and stood atop the Conference as they recorded only one conference loss in the regular season; the outcome was the same as the year past.

The first half of the game was a closely battled match up in which neither team was able to get on the scoreboard. This was due in part to both teams' stellar defensive play, a shared lacking in offensive production, and a game time temperature in the mid-30s.

"The weather was frigid, yet bearable," said Junior Midfielder Evan Rubin. "The most heard comment on the sideline was about how everyone's toes were frozen."

As the second half started, the Mules came out firing. In the 59th minute, 'Berg had their best chance when Senior Halfback Sammy Hayden's head connected with Senior Halfback Nick Jones' corner kick and deflected the ball on net. Unluckily, the Red Devil's Goalkeeper was in the right position, and after a few gut-wrenching seconds of scrambling in front of the goal, the ball was cleared by the Dickinson defense.

In the 71st minute of the game, the Red Devils scored on the Mules' Goalkeeper, Junior Jason Daniels, to make the score 1-0. This would turn out to be the only score of the game but not the only excitement, as a Dickinson student proceeded to run onto the sideline after the goal, screaming and ripping his T-Shirt off his back. He was quickly met by the long arm (and shoulder) of Campus Safety, brought to the ground, and removed from the premises.

With the loss, Men's Soccer ended its Centennial Conference season but still had ambitions of making the Division III NCAA Tournament. On Sun., Nov. 8, the Mules found out that they did not receive a bid to the Tournament and that the season had come to an end.



Junior Goalkeeper Jason Daniels held opponents to less than one goal per game (0.70 GAA) during the entire season.

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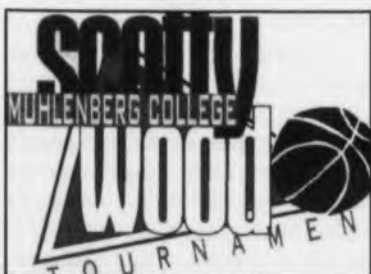
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Former homeless panelists and attending students at the Faces of Homelessness Panel.

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By AMY BAUER
NEWS WRITER

Did you know that in the United States, one in every two hundred people is homeless? These issues were explored during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, which began on Mon., Nov. 16. The week features speakers, panels, and demonstrations to bring about awareness on the state of world hunger, the amount of people who experience homeless, and the issues that they face. The week-long event has been heavily advertised around campus with flyers depicting soup cans displaying the information regarding the upcoming events. As members of the Muhlenberg community walked into Seegers, they were met with members of S.H.A.R.E. (Students Have A Real Effect) and Oxfam, tabling. They wore signs with facts about world hunger, and sat with a small bowl of food, illustrating how certain portions of the world's population only have a meager amount of food per day. This small demonstration was a preview for one of the week's biggest event, the Hunger Banquet, which occurred on Wed., Nov. 18 at 7pm in the Great Room.

The Hunger Banquet was hosted by the new branch of Oxfam America at the College, an organization that has been steadily attracting attention on campus. Oxfam works to bring about lasting change in communities and strives to influence the privileged to provide a way for poor people to improve their lives and have a say in decisions that affect them. The premise that the organization is built on is the idea that a respect for human rights will pave the way to an end of poverty. The Hunger Banquet will provide a look into the state of world hunger and poverty. Upon entrance to the banquet, each person was given a random status that represented which class they fell into. They then got to eat a certain amount of food based on that status. A privileged few had a full meal, some had more meager portions, and others barely had anything to eat. The proportions were based on the actual proportions of each class globally. This provided participants with a concrete idea of just how many hungry people there are in the world.

Andalisa Lopez '12, a member of Oxfam, says that she hoped the event "increased awareness and that people will be motivated to do something." For those students who were inspired by the event to take action, there will be opportunities presented. There was a table with a sign-up sheet for those who were willing to

make a pledge to educate ten people about world hunger and poverty, and to raise one hundred dollars for the cause. For those that made the pledge, there will also be opportunities to join Oxfam to work together with a group of motivated individuals to bring awareness to the campus and to raise money for the cause.

In addition to the Hunger Banquet, the week also featured two other events, "A Conversation with Liz McCartney," which occurred on Mon., Nov. 16, and the "Faces of Homelessness Panel" which took place on Tues., Nov. 17. Liz McCartney was featured as CNN's "Hero of the Year" for her work with victims of Hurricane Katrina. She co-founded the St. Bernard Project to help rebuild the homes and the lives of those who lost everything in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Hillel, a co-sponsor of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, will be co-sponsoring the Alternative Spring Break trip to New Orleans with the St. Bernard Project. The lecture was featured as part of the Center for Ethics year-long series "Ethics of Space - Power of Place."

"The Faces of Homelessness Panel" was a moving experience that featured a panel comprised of individuals who have been or are homeless. They work to educate the public about homelessness and what can be done to bring about an end to it. The personal experiences of those on the panel provided a living face to the statistics, and a more intimate understanding of just what life is like when one does not have a home to return to. Students who attended this event said that this type of awareness education resonates deeply because they were able to see the person behind the facts. The speakers strive to end stereotypes and connect with the rest of society to inspire them to work together to end poverty and homelessness. The speakers discussed how homelessness can happen to anyone, and it is not laziness that makes people homeless. It is actually due to a lack of affordable housing and health care, domestic violence, fair wages, mental illness, or just one bad decision.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness should inspire many more to join the fight to make hunger and homelessness a thing of the past. The week was made possible by S.H.A.R.E., Oxfam, Hillel, Multicultural Life, the Student Life Office, the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement, the Sociology Department, and the Political Science Department.

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The doctor is in?

Doctor's hours in the Health Center are...oh wait, no one knows. We should even have to ask whether or not the doctor is in. The two hours a day that there are actually doctors in the health center change daily. Sure the hours are posted months in advance, but we can't schedule our sickness.

Also, the two hours a day are not consistent from day to day. They're not even the same every Monday, for example. One Monday the hours are 9:45 am - 11:45 am and the next week the hours are 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm. Granted you could check the hours on the website if you need to see a doctor on any given day but what if you are somewhere without internet service? Not everyone has an iPhone or a Blackberry where they can get 24/7 immediate internet access. Or what if an emergency situation arises and you don't have time to check the hours? Again, how are we supposed to know in August the exact time we're going to get sick in November?

In addition, two hours a day is not enough. What happens to the students who have class during those two hours but it is imperative that a doctor must be present in case of deadly complications when the student's allergy shot needs to be administered? Or maybe the student is free during those two hours, but is it fair to make them wait from the beginning of doctor's hours until the end of doctor's hours for a shot that takes 30 seconds to administer? Yes, that actually happened to someone and no, that's not fair.

Further, if a student needs medical care beyond a nurse's purview and it's after doctor's hours, they either have to drive themselves or be driven by Campus Safety to a local hospital or other local medical facility. That's just inconvenient. What's the point of even having a health center at that point?

Don't get us wrong, we are more than appreciative of the nurses who work full days to provide us with great care. Yet when a doctor is actually needed during normal 9:00 am - 5:00 pm business hours, we just wish that there would be one there.

The fight that could kill

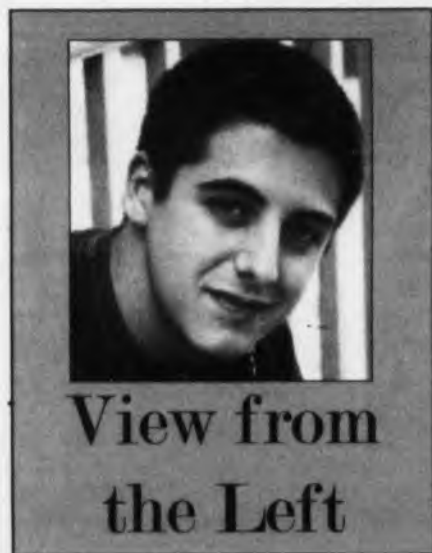
BY VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Writer

Should abortion be included in the new government funded health care bill? The new bill that just passed through the House of Representatives does not include abortion funding, which has caused quite a stir throughout our nation. But how much would this new bill actually change? Let us look first to the history of the abortion-ban coverage. In 1976, a law passed through Congress disallowing federal funding to be used for abortions. The idea behind this law was to ensure that people who do not believe in abortions do not have to fear that their precious tax money will be used to prevent an unwanted child from being born. Not having to pay for something you do not support sounds like a great plan; however, rarely anyone agrees on what the government spends their money on. In my opinion, it is unfair for our government to pick out abortion as one of the expenses that they can get rid of because they claim that not everyone agrees on the issue.

Looking forward, how can this issue be resolved? The current bill facing the Senate's vote does not allow women to take out an insurance plan that includes abortion. The only funded abortion is in extreme cases of either rape, incest, or times when a woman's life is on the line. Women can purchase abortion coverage separately as a "rider" to their insurance plan if they would like, but this is an added cost. The problem is these women will have enough money to not only pay for insurance but to also pay for an extended plan. And in addition, will they even opt to take the plan if it is more expensive? Why would someone spend the money if she had no current plan of getting pregnant?

Those most in need of government health insurance are those who cannot currently pay for coverage themselves. These individuals most likely do not have enough money to pay the \$300-\$900 necessary for an abortion or the cost of the additional "rider" program; and because they cannot pay to abort, they now must bring a child into the world. Do you really think that a woman who cannot pay upwards of \$900 has the financial stability to raise a child? Raising a child is going to cost a bit more than that! Many claim that abortion is murder and that a barely developed fetus is still a human being. Regardless of this argument, a child brought up in a household that did not want to bring them into this world and that cannot support the child financially will only suffer and struggle through life. So where does the money to support this child now come from? The government!

Say goodbye to reproductive rights



ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

Viagra, male infertility, vasectomies, growth-hormone shots for short little boys and, not to mention, psychotherapy for pedophile priests. What do they all have in common? Each of these treatments are available for public and private insurers under the Affordable Health Care for America Act, colloquially known as the new health care bill that passed in House of Representatives last week. All of the listed treatments have yet another common characteristic: they are all solely for men to treat non-life

threatening medical problems. It must be stated that I am not advocating that these treatments be stripped from the bill; each of these treatments are necessary actions for people who choose that their medical differences are serious issues. The important word in that is *choose*. Each of the treatments is a personal choice that men take to positively change their life. While men can choose if they want to buy insurance to cover Viagra, vasectomies, or hormone injections, women cannot choose to buy insurance to cover abortions under the new health care bill. The Stupak-Pitts amendment bans abortion coverage from federally subsidized health insurance policies. This is a change in the status quo that gave women the right to choose their reproductive rights. The health care bill that passed last week in the House is just another crutch to support the norms that treat women like second-class citizens.

It baffles me that the first female Speaker of the House presided over a Democratic majority that passed the most extensive restriction on women's rights in recent history. A few women and fewer men in the House loudly spoke out against this atrocity just to be heckled by belligerent Republicans enjoying every moment of the dissenters' pleas for equal rights. Thrown under the bus by their own party, the courageous dissenters watched as their own party

signed away their rights while they were viciously silenced by the very men that orchestrated this oppression. Although most of the men in Congress thought this was just business as usual, our minority of feminist lawmakers got a disheartening feeling of *deja vu*.

Thirty years ago, as a way to fight back against *Roe v. Wade*, the Hyde amendment was passed in Congress. This law stated that the Department of Health and Human Services could not pay for an abortion. It did not prohibit all federal funding for abortions, just from the Dept. of Health and Human Services. Now three decades later, we regress even further into an era in which women have no rights over their own bodies. The Stupak-Pitts amendment goes beyond limiting federal funds from the Health and Human Services to say that no federal funding can be spent on anything that is contaminated with the word "abortion". If that wasn't bad enough, if you have a health plan that covers abortion, you cannot receive any federal assistance. Can't make the last \$400 for a root canal? Sorry, please choose between tooth and mouth pain or abortion coverage. Want part of your "exchange" to go towards a consultation with an allergist that you could not otherwise afford? Too bad, you got an abortion last year on that plan.

Under this bill, private insurance

companies can offer plans that cover abortions and plans that do not. It's really not that bad if you don't mind getting totally sub-standard care and no government assistance whatsoever. Given that the majority of those who see themselves in low-paying part-time positions that don't offer health coverage are women, there's going to be a lot of women who need federal assistance.

If this bill passes with the Stupak-Pitts amendment, insurance companies will probably not cover abortions to the extent that they do now. Providing abortion coverage will undoubtedly require further administrative costs to make sure that the company remains in agreement with the law. Additionally, by Section C Paragraph III of the amendment, those additional administrative costs will have to be covered entirely without federal assistance that insurance companies could get if they didn't offer abortion.

The amendment does not require that private insurers offer some sort of coverage that includes abortions. It would be so much easier for private insurance companies to simply not offer any abortion coverage at all. It's clearly evident that this is the goal of the entire amendment: to make it so that insurance companies will have lots of incentives to never cover abortions. Therefore, if insurance

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Gender-neutral housing

BY ALEX BREIDING
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The College's Diversity Statement explicitly states: "Muhlenberg must recommit itself with ... retaining diverse students, faculty, and staff whose range of

viewpoints ... sexual orientations, gender identities, lifestyles ... will enrich our curriculum and campus life. We must also commit ourselves to persistent and vigorous efforts to confront, and challenge prejudiced attitudes and behaviors that exclude, demean, or marginalize members of our community by breaking down existing barriers that prevent meaningful discussions about diversity."

The policy directly contradicts the current policy for the housing lottery, which states that a man and a woman cannot apply to live in the same bedroom. This policy is not only discriminatory to those who do not fit within the gender binary of man and woman (such as intersex, transgendered or gender-queer individuals) but infantilizing to all students at the College. One of the goals of the college is to promote developmentally friendly environments for all students. Quelling students from living with those that they choose to be the most comfortable with does not promote a positive environment for development.

The College's housing lottery policy is an institution based on a gender binary. Separating individuals and boxing them into the category of either man or woman creates unnecessary and problematic standards of masculinity and femininity. How do these standards of femininity hurt "women" and "men"? Take a stroll down the segregated freshman halls and observe the door decorations and themes that the RA's have put up. It won't take much effort to see that most of the themes are directed towards what we think that a "woman" would like to participate in, such as baking and decorating. Similarly, you might find that the "men's" side of the hall will have decorations of video games and masculinized sports. Clearly not all "women" will choose baking and decorating over video games and sports. Rather than supporting these hurtful standards of masculinity and femininity, the College should focus on creating a comfortable living environment that promotes students' well being and offer students the freedom to choose with whom they share their space.

Dictating with whom we are allowed to live with at this stage in our adult development is infantilizing. Many Muhlenberg students drive ambulances, live for semesters in other countries on their own, hold jobs on and off campus, and publish their works in academic journals; but no Muhlenberg student can choose to live with another gender in College housing. Although once we leave college we are pushed by society to find a partner and live in a mixed gender bedroom for the rest of our lives, the college has deemed it inappropriate here. This does not promote development and preparedness for life after college. By quelling students from choosing a more diverse, mixed gendered housing option, the college is preventing adult discussions about gender and sexuality. The College needs to break down the barriers that prevent environments for positive development, such as mixed gendered housing. Segregated housing based on gender cannot be fixed. It is not broken; it is just wrong.

When political correctness is wrong

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Why have the government and mainstream media refused to call Major Hasan's behavior at Fort Hood by its rightful name: terrorism?

Based on reporting from the media in the US and abroad, it is evident that Major Hasan is a Jihadist who is as much of a terrorist as the hijackers on September 11th. Indeed, the media did not wait until all the evidence was in before calling the 9/11 attacks terrorism. This is no longer true, as the shades of gray that often accompany moral relativism have pervaded public discourse on the event. Though tolerance and multiculturalism have contributed to make this country great, we must not allow Islamic radicals, like Major Hasan, to use our own tolerance as a weapon against us.

Major media news outlets as well as government officials have urged the general population not to jump to conclusions. They have explained that Hasan's motives were unclear, and that he might have been influenced by psychological factors. Some pundits have suggested that the stresses of his job as a psychiatrist for war veterans gave him post-traumatic stress disorder. Interestingly, this disorder did not manifest itself until he was informed of his pending deployment to Afghanistan. Mark Steyn termed it best, when he wrote that Hasan was the first person ever afflicted by pre-traumatic stress because he was concerned that in his pending deployment to Afghanistan he would be exposed to a traumatic event similar to those his patients were experienced. Rather than recognizing the absurdity of this explanation, Hasan apologists have attempted to shove moral relativist propaganda down the throats of the American public and to make it impossible to discuss Jihad and radical Islam in an intellectually honest way.

As is often the case, the truth is plain. Hasan is an American - he was born and raised in Virginia. Though his parents are of Palestinian descent, he had no national or political ties abroad that should have influenced him; rather it was his religion that came to direct his thinking and actions. The London Guardian reported that Hasan allegedly shouted "Allahu Akbar" (in English, "God is Great"), as he opened fire on the unarmed soldiers at Fort Hood. One might be able to argue that pre or post-traumatic stress could have encouraged him to open fire, but only his religious beliefs would have led him

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Smoke out

BY KELLY FRAZEE
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Smoking is a personal choice. Not smoking is also a personal choice. I personally choose not to smoke. I don't like getting a face full of smoke when I walk out

of a building, but I don't obnoxiously cough or badger you about choosing to smoke. I don't go up to you and rip the cigarette out of your mouth and yell at you. That would be disrespectful. So why is it that throughout the day on Tuesday while I was walking through Parents' Plaza I heard disrespectful, condescending remarks about the display that we worked hard on.

The negative effects of smoking are no secret. Through the Great American Smoke Out (GASO), we try to further educate fellow students about those hazards and provide help to quit if you so wish. For one day we section off a small portion of Parents' Plaza and designate it as a no smoking zone so that people who chose not to smoke can go in and out of Seegers without having to breathe in smoke. For one day we put up signs just to make people think about what they are doing to themselves and the people around them. For one day we asked people to be conscious of their actions and to think twice.

To clarify, Colleges Against Cancer wanted to go about the Great American Smoke Out in a different way this year. People already know that smoking is bad for them. You don't need flyers in your face showing a person dying of lung cancer to know that. We wanted to step outside of the box and try something new. We were thinking: maybe if we try to help people quit instead of telling them to, they might think about it more and be more responsive to our ideas. So that's what we did. We're telling people that GASO is today (Nov. 19), and we're giving them resources to use if they decide they want to quit. We're not judging anyone. We're not looking down on anyone. We don't think we're better people because we don't smoke. We're definitely not harassing anyone. We're trying to help.

You have the rest of Parents' Plaza to smoke in. All I ask is that you respect my decision not to smoke and to try to respectfully allow other people who chose not to, or are trying to quit, make their own decisions. I respect that you feel that smoking may be what's best for you and will listen to your argument in support of that choice. All I ask is that you listen to mine too. Your fellow students worked for hours to plan and put those displays up just to grab your attention for one minute.

Smoking is your choice. Not smoking is mine. I respect your decision and am only trying to provide you options to help you if you chose to change your mind. If you don't, then just keep walking and respectfully pay no attention, just like I do when I have to walk into a cloud of smoke outside of Seegers every day.

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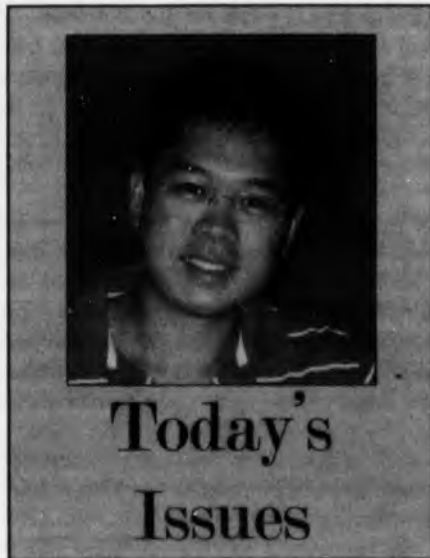
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A hard habit to break



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It seems as though a column that I authored for the November 5th issue of *The Weekly* has raised a few questions. The column shed light on a topic that has received little to no news coverage or public attention. In the column, I mentioned a proposed measure introduced by two US Senators and why the issue that they raised is so important to all Americans, both young and old, northern and southern, conservative and liberal. It was great to see an article written in response to one of mine. A civil debate between two writers with contrasting opinions is a step in the right direction. I hope this discussion will get your minds actively thinking about the current events that will affect each and every one of us. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few points that

I have made earlier and to address the criticisms made in response to my past column.

First of all, the thought of asking illegal immigrants to pay taxes and provide much due compensation is not a privileged way of thinking. This does not mean that I disagree with the federal, state, and local governments from providing the much needed support and aid that our homeless and those in poverty deserve. Americans who are struggling are entitled to support. I will ask that you consider this question, "If we continue to allow illegal immigrants who refuse to pay taxes, even though they are working and collecting income, to collect benefits, how can we sustain our welfare program, food stamp funds, shelters and Medicaid that the unemployed and homeless rely on for survival?" Illegal immigrants are free riding at the expense of Americans who should be the priority for our government. My concerns and those of the two US Senators does not discount the underprivileged and does not ignore the needs of human beings.

Secondly, the notion of tax dollars being used as a way to redistribute the wealth in the United States is largely unpopular and is in direct contrast with the principles that guide our country. Going along with this idea, I guess it is the duty of all "privileged" Americans to pick up the tab for illegal immigrants because Americans have expendable income with so much flexibility. I guess college students would be considered privileged considering the fact that we are paying the tuition and expenses of a private college. How would you feel if your tuition payments found their way

into the pockets of illegal immigrants and soon all of the benefits of being a full-time student were assumed by those who paid nothing? The burden of costs would be placed solely on our shoulders. In reality, Americans are trying to make ends meet, they have bills to pay, families to feed, and jobs to keep.

Thirdly, any enforcement of immigration law and requiring compensation from illegal immigrants does not foster inequality. On the other hand, appeasing illegal immigrants' disregard for US laws and expecting American taxpayers to pay their bills are greater sources of inequality and unfairness. Giving in to the demands of illegal immigration interests groups and irresponsible lawmakers is a slap in the face of the thousands of would-be immigrants following the law. Thousands of immigrants wait in line, study for citizenship exams, and are dragged through American bureaucracy. Also keep in mind that many of these legal immigrants paid for courses to learn English and incurred other costs to attain citizenship. So while others work hard, illegal aliens coast along just fine without any worries. How is that for equality and fairness?

One final concern deals with our lawmakers up on Capitol Hill. In their infinite wisdom, members of Congress refuse to cut off the flow of cash and endless benefits, because their political livelihoods are at stake. As taxpaying citizens we expect, and rightfully so, our government to use our tax dollars for our interests. Expecting our tax dollars to be put towards repairing highways, funding federal student loans, providing disability

aid to our veterans, and supporting areas hit by natural disasters is not wrong. This idea of our taxes coming back to help us is not violating anyone's rights, and it is certainly not comparable to slavery or the Three-Fifths Compromise (which has nothing to do with appropriations).

Let me explain the gist of my argument. The culture of free-riding that illegal immigrants in the US have taken part in is wrong. If illegal immigrants refuse to pull their weight in this society, then they should not be entitled to any benefits that are reserved for those who pitch in. American taxpayers, which could be your parents, your neighbors, your employer, and you are covering the medical expenses, Social Security benefits, local school taxes, costs of patrolling the southern border, and welfare benefits that illegal immigrants are accumulating with little help. We even pay the salaries of the lawmakers who are allowing illegal immigrants to manipulate the system. We pay for a lot!

Remember, as many Democrats say, illegal aliens come here to work and make a living. Then why don't we require them to cough up a portion of their paychecks to pay for the services that they use. This is how modern societies operate! Should illegal aliens be exempt from the tax burdens we fall under?

Don't be fooled by accusations of a War on Immigrants or protests against racism and oppression. We are simply asking for illegal immigrants to become legal citizens, pay taxes, and experience the benefits that draw so many to the United States. The time has come break the habit of giving in and being guilty into paying for free riders.

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offer abortion coverage, they will require much higher premiums.

The end result is a tiered health care system. At the very top are men who can purchase private insurance. They can use public funds. They can choose nearly any service without fear of losing coverage.

Far below them are women paying for identical insurance except for abortion coverage, but paying much higher premiums. They cannot use public funds for anything.

Even further below them are women who can't pay for the expensive private insurance of their female peers. They must pay for abortion out-of-pocket or choose between any federal or state assistance. Most women will find themselves here, as the prohibitive cost of the abortion plans will make it unfeasible.

And at the very bottom are the women who can neither pay for prohibitively expensive private insurance or out-of-pocket abortions. If they get pregnant, they can procure risky abortions by untrained providers or have a baby against their will. So women, say goodbye to your reproductive rights. Say goodbye to *Roe v. Wade*, and say goodbye to progress. The Stupak-Pitts amendment is here.

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to open fire in the name of Allah. Despite the plain evidence to the contrary, the main-stream media and

the government spokespeople declared Major Hasan was declared "not a terrorist" before authorities had the opportunity to investigate his background or the site of the attack. A failure to call a terrorist attack by its accurate name is offensive to the victims and their families and defies common sense and illustrated a complete disconnect from reality.

All the political correctness meted out by the media will not change the objective fact, that our culture, which is based on Judeo-Christian values that prize individual rights and freedom of religion and speech, is in an existential struggle against radical Islam. This struggle is the central element of American foreign policy. So, for people to pretend that this is just an isolated incident, or an individual's psychological breakdown, not only insulting but purposefully obstructionist. It is not unreasonable for Americans to question whether Islam somehow sows the seeds that lead some Muslims to fanaticism. Belief in such a "politically incorrect" concept could rightly be attributed to the 14,374 terrorist attacks perpetrated by Muslims worldwide since September 11th (www.thereligionofpeace.com). Contrary to politically correct dogma, an honest discourse of these challenges and attacks is not necessarily an indictment of all Muslims or Islam as a whole. Rather, such honesty might encourage the same type of introspection in Islamic society that has benefited Western democracies.

A failure to recognize or acknowledge problems does not mean that they do not exist. We must not bend over backwards to avoid offending people at the expense of the truth; it is our duty as citizens of the free world to become more intellectually honest as individuals and as responsible members of society and recognize the threats to the rights and freedoms that we enjoy on a daily basis. The rights we value are not an entitlement. Our parents and grandparents fought and died for those freedoms; we are merely the guardians and gatekeepers of those rights. If we fail to protect them, our country's heroes will have died in vain.

If we fail recognize that it is in fact possible to have terrorists within our military the problem will spread and become debilitating. When someone, whether an American soldier or a Saudi Wahhabi extremist, screams 'God is great' as he guns down unarmed people, and has SoA (Soldier of Allah) printed on his personal business card, he qualifies as a terrorist and should be identified as such. Acknowledging the problem by its rightful name is the first step to solving it.




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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 38	High: 54 Low: 46	High: 57 Low: 44

Sestak proposes legislation for veterans

By MATTHEW PEARSON
News Editor

US Senate
candidate,
Congressman

man Joe Sestak (D-PA) announced legislation to increase commitment to help struggling veterans secure housing. Congressman Sestak's latest effort to assist veterans without shelter complements Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki's plan announced this month to eradicate homelessness among veterans within five years. This news hits close to the College community home as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week continues this week.

Secretary Shinseki has warned that the amount of homeless veterans may increase to 15 percent in the next five years. Sestak's bill provides greater assistance for veterans in need of the HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development and Veterans Affairs's Supported Housing) Program. "The astounding estimate that one in every four homeless is a veteran is part of the result of years of inadequate attention to ensuring the economic, educational, and health security of our returning warriors," said Sestak, who retired from the Navy in 2006 after rising to the rank of 3-star admiral.

Lila Guy is a young single mother, recently discharged from the Army following a deployment to Iraq and a divorce. Guy returned from service with nowhere to live. Congressman Sestak's office reached out to the VA, and found Guy eligible for the program. Guy is now on her way to a nursing degree and able to care for her three children. In testimony last week before the Senate Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, Guy described her experience: "Anybody who has spent time on active duty and tried to integrate into civilian life will tell you it is a different world. The HUD-VASH program helps

veterans to navigate this unfamiliar territory."

The VA estimates 131,000 veterans are currently homeless. The HUD-VASH Program offers case management and supportive services to support stability and recovery from physical and mental health, substance use, and functional concerns contributing to, or resulting from homelessness. To enhance this multifaceted initiative, Sestak's legislation increases the amount of assistance that HUD-VASH vouchers can provide.

Currently, participants generally pay around 30 percent of their adjusted income towards rent, and HUD subsidizes the remainder. Taking into consideration these challenging economic times, the bill aims to lower this to 25 percent.

This announcement builds on Sestak's work to prevent incarceration among former service members. Many of these veterans become homeless following imprisonment when they often do not receive appropriate medical treatment and rehabilitation.

Congressman Sestak has been quoted as speaking favorably for the HUD-VASH program, "When our Vietnam veterans came home, we did not provide them the resources they needed... Now, many of them require assistance more than ever to deal with the after-effects of that conflict. In the early stages of our current wars, we underestimated and underfunded treatments for mental illnesses, such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), which are more prevalent than ever before and have contributed to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan ending up on the streets at a higher rate than those of any previous war. I have witnessed the success of HUD-VASH's comprehensive approach to assisting homeless veterans and we must enhance it."

Thanksgiving Feast!



MUHLENBERG
DINING

Garden Room

Monday, November 23rd

Dinner 4:30pm-7:30pm

Carved Turkey, Glazed Ham, Stuffing, Gravy,
Candied Sweet Potatoes,
Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce,
Honey Glazed Baby Carrots,
Green Beans, Pumpkin Pie & More!



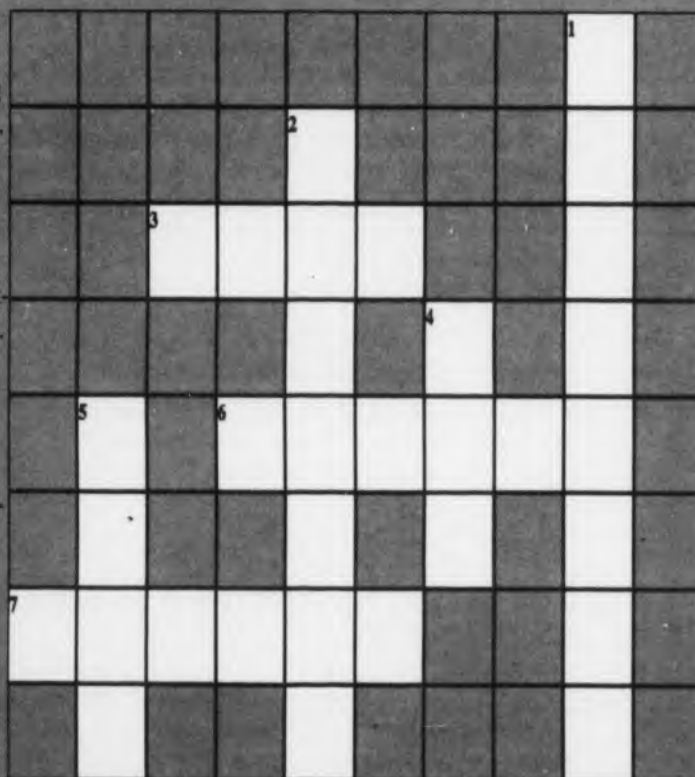
MULE CROSSWORD

DOWN:

1. This academic building burned down... twice.
2. Peter's Rank.
3. A fraternity that was recently re-colonized.
4. Old library.

ACROSS:

3. Muhlenberg's 1958 historical event.
6. Helm or Manning
7. New provost.



Student Government holds 2013 elections

By ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

On Mon., Nov. 16, the Student Government Association held an election for the position of Class of 2013 Representative. Seven of these positions are available

for each class year.

At the end of the previous spring semester, the Student Government officially divided Class Councils from Student Government. The reasoning behind the decision was focused on the separate goals that each organization held. Class Councils are motivated to co-ordinate events and raise funds for their respective class years. The Student Government is made to focus on addressing issues that face the entire college community. This election marked the first since this important change occurred.

Under these revised rules, the election fell under the jurisdiction of the Operations Committee whose job involves acting as the Election Oversight Committee. The committee was chaired by Vice President Jordan Sones '10, Representatives Joseph Armenti '10, Matthew Pearson '10 and Maya Spitalnik '12. The election process began on Sun., Nov. 1, with an informational meeting for any interested members of the Class of 2013.

Any member of the Class of 2013 could be nominated between Nov. 2 and Nov. 6 at noon.

At a mandatory Candidates' Meeting, the candidates were informed of all of the rules involved in the election. These election rules span an impressive total of nine pages and covers all aspects of the election process.

Campaigning began on Mon., Nov. 9 and continued until Election Day. During the campaign process, candidates were responsible for turning in a platform, a statement of intent, an expenditure sheet, and 150 signatures from the Student Body.

On Election Day, five computers in the upper level of Seegers Union were made available to students for voting. The four members of the Election Oversight Committee were stationed at the computers from 8:30am until 8:30pm. Over 300 students voted in the election, each allowed to vote for seven candidates. After all this, candidates and interested students alike waited for the results to be posted.

The candidates who were elected to the position of Representative are pictured on the right: Alex Caporusso '13, Erin Murphy '13, Jenna Neckritz '13, Adam Neufeld '13, Emma Taffet '13, and Zaraya Wade '13.

Despite the fact that it is very difficult to achieve, the election resulted in a tie for the seventh and final Representative position. On Wed., Nov. 17, a run-off election will be held between candidates Torie Paone '13 and Zach Schwartz '13 for the final position.

At the time of the writing of this article it is unknown which candidate was elected



Alexandra Caporusso '13
SGA Representative



Erin Murphy '13
SGA Representative



Adam Neufeld '13
SGA Representative



Jenna Neckritz '13
SGA Representative



Emma Taffet '13
SGA Representative



Zaraya Wade '13
SGA Representative

to the final Representative position. Interested parties may see the results of the run-off election as soon as Wed., Nov. 17 at 9:00pm. The results will be posted on the Student Government Bulletin Board on the top level of the Seegers Union, next to the Information Desk.

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Students support favorite charities by holiday shopping online

BY DAVE SCHUTZBANK
NEWS WRITER

Students across the country want to support their favorite causes but may not have the time or the money to do so. Now they can! Students, faculty and their families are turning to two innovative trends to raise money without having to solicit donations from others or reach into their own pockets.

More than 84,000 schools and nonprofits have partnered with the online shopping mall, GoodShop.com, and Yahoo!-powered search engine, GoodSearch.com to enable their supporters to generate funds just by doing something they do everyday – shop online and search the web. What makes the system so compelling is that it doesn't cost the users a thing. It's a form of philanthropy that works for everyone in this tough economy.

Students are helping their favorite causes by starting their shopping at GoodShop.com where they can choose from more than 1,400 well known retailers including Target, Apple, Macy's, Expedia, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, and Gap among others. The shopping experience and the prices are exactly the same

as going to the retailer directly, but by going to GoodShop.com, up to 30% of the purchase price is donated to the user's favorite school or nonprofit. In addition, GoodShop provides the user with hundreds of great coupons and deals so not only are they helping a cause, but they're saving money while doing so.

Similarly, with the GoodSearch search engine, approximately one penny is donated to the users' favorite organization with every search. One can use it exactly as they would any other search engine and the pennies add up quickly – just 500 people searching four times a day will earn around \$7,300 in a year. It doesn't cost the users a thing.

Students can even add the GoodSearch toolbar to their browser, allowing them to automatically generate donations every time they search or shop online – without going to GoodSearch and GoodShop first.

GoodSearch and GoodShop have quickly spread via word-of-mouth, the blogger community, and a number of celebrities and their foundations including Jessica Biel, Montel Williams, Faith Hill and Tim McGraw, Jeff Bridges, and others. This is help-

ing to generate significant funds for the participating nonprofits.

Students have found GoodSearch to be a compelling and charitable idea. Maria Leinbach, a junior at Emory University, uses GoodSearch and GoodShop in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, a non-profit dedicated to finding a cure for Leukemia and Lymphoma and improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

"It makes me feel good knowing that when I'm buying my family gifts this season, a portion of that money will go towards finding a cure for Leukemia. It's so easy, everyone should do it!"

"The response to this idea has truly been overwhelming," said Ken Ramberg, Co-Founder of GoodSearch and former President of MonsterTRAK, the largest online career site for college students (now a division of monster.com).

"More than 100 new nonprofits and schools register daily and GoodSearch and GoodShop are helping make a difference in communities across the country. Because of the economy, organizations really need our help this year more than ever."

College ranked #49 by Kiplinger

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

The Express Times and lehighvalleylive.com have proudly reported that the

College has been placed into Kiplinger's Personal Finance top 100 list of Best Values for Private Schools. This list, which is updated and published annually by Kiplinger's, also ranks Lehigh University and Lafayette College among the best private colleges and universities across the country.

The College was ranked number 49 on the list. While this number is a small drop from the College's rank of 41 last year, both Lehigh and Lafayette dropped in their scores as well, presumably due to difficulties in the current down-turned economy.

Kiplinger's considers admission rate, SAT or ACT averages, students per faculty ratio, graduation rate, total cost, cost after need-based and non-need-based aid, aid from grants, non-need-based aid, and average student debt after graduation. The list starts with statistics collected on 600 different private institutions, and is then further narrowed down to 100.

Most of the schools that made the list have annual tuition costs that come near to or exceed 50 thousand dollars, the College included. Much of the scoring therefore comes from the school's ability to compensate students with grants and financial aid.

While this is always impressive coming from such expensive schools, Kiplinger's editors were additionally impressed this year in light of the present economy. Tuition increases on the whole did not exceed more than about 4 percent, which would have been considered impressive even in a turned-around economy.

The Weekly wishes to express great appreciation to all those who made this achievement possible.

So You Say You Are Spiritual? Inaugural Session... *Smart Spirituality*

Positive Psychology expert Louis Alloro '00 facilitates a discussion for those interested in exploring spirituality from an unreligious perspective



Thursday, November 19
4-5:30 pm, Great Room
Free dinner to follow

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 9 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost student ID and key. The student later notified Campus Safety that both items had been found.

Nov. 9 - Larceny/Theft - In Prosser Hall Main, basement, there was a report of a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 10 - Found Property - In Ettinger, there was a report of a found wallet. The item was returned to the owner. It was noted that cash and a credit card were missing from the wallet.

Nov. 10 - Institutional Vandalism - In the Center for the Arts parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2263 Turner St., building #2, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - On N. Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2245 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 10 - Found Property - In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found Muhlenberg College ID. The ID was brought to Campus Safety and an email was sent to the owner to pick it up.

Nov. 10 - Suspicious Person - In Trexler Library, there was a report of a suspicious person. The individual was found inside the library and was identified by a Campus Safety officer. There was no further incident.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2216 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

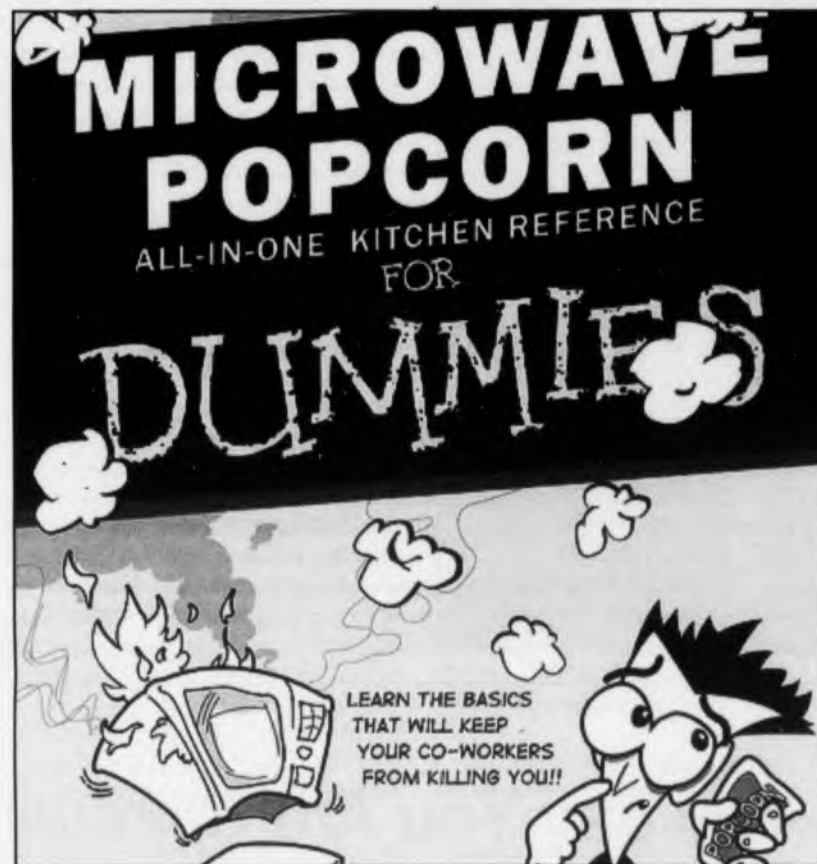
Nov. 10 - Injured Student - In the Life Sports Center, field house, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded.

Nov. 11 - Larceny/Theft - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a possible theft of keys from a room. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services notified a locksmith. All locks were changed and the keys were updated for the building.

Nov. 11 - Found Property - In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The item was brought to the office of Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Attempts have been made to notify the owner.

Nov. 11 - Sick Student - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 12 - Disorderly Conduct - In Brown Hall, ground floor, there was a report of disorderly conduct between a student and a visitor. An officer responded and the individuals were spoken to. There was no further incident.



Nov. 12 - Larceny/Theft from Vehicle - Off campus, there was a report of theft of a vehicle from a neighbor who resides on Glenwood St. The Allentown Police Department responded and took a report. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Walson Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to dust from cleaning. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 12 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost silver Citizen watch. The watch was lost in the last two days.

Nov. 12 - Suspicious Person - On the front drive, there was a report of a suspicious person. An officer spoke with the individual. The individual was identified and the person left the area.

Nov. 12 - Found Property - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found student ID. The item was brought to Campus Safety. Attempts will be made to notify the owner.

Nov. 13 - Sick Student - At 2201 Chew St. there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown Police Department responded and the student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 13 - Found Property - In the Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of a found jacket. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet.

Nov. 13 - Found Property - In Brown Hall, a reporting party turned in a prescription bag with a bottle inside. The owner was identified and will pick it up.

Nov. 13 - Found Property - On Chew St., a reporting party found an ID card. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 13 - Found Property - In Shankweiler, third floor, there was a report of a found backpack. Attempts made to notify the owner were unsuccessful. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

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Nov. 13 - Found Property - In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found ring. The item was brought to Campus Safety and was placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 13 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burning candles. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 13 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students.

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Nov. 14 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Students were identified drinking alcohol in their room. The alcohol was confiscated. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 14 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 14 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On N. 22nd St., there was another report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 15 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Seegers Union, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 15 - Sick Employee - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick person. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person refused transport to the hospital.

Nov. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 15 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 15 - Harassment - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of harassment. Letters of No Contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 15 - Lost Property - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Nov. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset.

Nov. 15 - Larceny/Theft - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of stolen items from a purse.

Nov. 15 - Flames/Smoke Visible - In the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot, there was a report of a fire in one of the dumpsters. The Allentown Fire Department responded. The fire was extinguished at the site with no further incident.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The tragedy of life is not so much what men suffer,
but rather what they miss."

- Thomas Carlyle

Originality and innovation highlights *Moving Stories*

BY JOCELYN GAMMON
LIFE WRITER

forward to the performances. That being said, *Moving Stories*, was one of the best I've seen here.

It featured the choreography of Dana McGowan, '10, Ashley Taylor, '10, Lynn Lisella, '11, Olivia Alvarez, '10, Emily Daly, '10, Katie Fierro, '11, Rebecca Haverson, '10, Aubrey Kupstas, '10, Laura Mayerson, '10, Carolina Millard, '10, Michele Sasso, '10, and Ashley Sleeth, '11.

The success of this year's *Moving Stories* was due in large part to how purely entertaining so many of the pieces were. This was the most accessible student dance concert I have seen at the College.

This is not at all to say that the choreography lacked depth. Rather, it was apparent that this year's choreographers were able to effectively navigate the subtleties of mixing complex choreographic intent with engaging entertainment. This points to the versatility of the choreographers and successful guidance of Artistic Director Sarah Carlson.

The concert opened with Dana McGowan's "Keeping Up With the Joneses..." a highly entertaining, technically impressive modern piece. It featured dancers Emily Daly, '10, Ellen DiStefano, '12, Rebecca Haverson, '10, and Laura Mayerson, '10—all of whom were technically strong and responded to the ensemble nature of McGowan's choreography with ease and precision.

As the concert went on, the originality of this year's *Moving Stories* was evident in

In the past three years, I have rarely missed a dance concert. The student, faculty, and informal dance concerts are always impressive, and I always look

all pieces. Michele Sasso's, '10, "Within Absence" employed live music composed by Meghan Wilson, '10, and performed by herself, Andrew Newcomb, '12, Tynan Hooker-Haring, '08, and Sam Swan, '10. Sasso's choice to use live accompaniment was a risky one, as much of the piece was comprised of musical improvisation and therefore was different every performance. Ultimately, it was an extremely effective collaboration that only added to her already impressive choreography.

Rebecca Haverson, '10, chose to use a ladder in her piece, "suspiciously like a standard." Like Sasso's live music, it added a unique flavor, allowing for particularly effective picture-making on stage and a demonstration of Haverson's obvious talent at creating interesting shapes with the bodies in space.

The success of Lighting Designer Paul E. Theisen was obvious throughout, and especially showcased in Olivia Alvarez's, '10, "Broken Space." The lighting enhanced the piece, which, on its own was a concert standout.

Carolina Millard's, '10, "Wasted," while remaining choreographically impressive, effectively commented on the culture of binge drinking while also entertaining the audience.

All of the dancers were technically impressive. Many were in multiple pieces, and Ashley Sleeth's "Vulnerability: Still Undeclared" as well as Aubrey Kupstas', '10, "This Ain't No Scrimmage" called for extreme athleticism and stamina on the part of their dancers. All pieces demonstrated technical precision and truly successful ensemble work.

The concert was of the best I have seen as a student here, and the work of the choreographers, dancers, faculty, and production staff is truly praiseworthy.



A scene from the innovative *Moving Stories*.

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Lesbian vampires entice readers

BY NOAH FRIED
LIFE WRITER

"Do you like vampires?
Do you like lesbians?"

I sure do. So when I saw the scarlet flyers leading down the Seegers staircase with the preceding headlines, I made sure to cancel all my appointments for Nov. 12.

The event took place in the back of Seegers Union and was hosted by authors Nell Stark and Trinity Tam. It consisted of a reading of their book, *Everafter*, an erotic novel with dark themes. It was also an opportunity to ask them questions afterwards. Being an easily excitable teenage boy, I expected nothing less than a seductive, passionate, and intoxicating experience. But what I got was something different—it was something more.

The mood was jovial in the room. Attendees ranged in age but all were so happy that each one seemed to emanate the vigor of youth. Besides the refreshment table, which held sweet cookies, chips and sodas, there was the stage where the two writers sat cozily. Their absolute comfort with each other seemed to spread to the crowd; I remember feeling funny and at ease. Both being celebrated writers—Stark, a graduate of Dartmouth College pursuing a doctorate in Medieval English literature at the University of Wisconsin and Tam, a marketing executive and award winning producer and writer—related their unique experience in working collaboratively, and decided it should be done more frequently.

Kicking the presentation off, Nell opened by saying, "we're really interested in having a discussion, a conversation with you." Immediately following, she

posed a question to the audience: "If you were forced to choose, would you be a vampire or were-creature of some sort?" The consensus was that it would be far superior to be a vampire, which stays in its awesome form forever and is not dependent on the cycles of the moon. Of course this chat inevitably lent itself to a discussion of *Twilight*, and Trinity revealed her distinct opinion of the vampire characters who captured the hearts of teenage girls around the world (...and myself) by saying simply, "they're fairies!" The crowd heartily agreed, and as the world crashed down around me I was forced to conclude she spoke true: Edward Cullen was, indeed, a wimp.

After this brief discussion, the duo began to read. *Everafter* is a story about the straining of a relationship between two characters when one of them is turned into a vampire. When a vampire bites Valentine Darrow, she develops an overwhelming fancy for blood and her partner, Alexa Newland, is resolute in satisfying her lover in every way possible—even at the cost of her life. The book is written from the two different perspectives of the protagonists, each author writing for a single character. This format makes for a very interesting read; the constant shift of writing styles keeps the reader entertained and engaged.

Once they had read two chapters or so, Nell and Trinity took questions from the audience. One person asked them what powers their vampires possessed, given contending works like *Twilight*, where the vampire characters are effectively indestructible and super fast. Trinity answered that the vampires they had conceived



The cover of the new book, *Everafter*.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NELL STARK AND TRINITY TAM

were far more realistic, constructions based on the scientific research she and Nell had done on cases of real vampire-like tendencies in the world. (Though Nell did point out she wanted to give the vampires eye beams.) Being a highly curious lad, I asked Nell and Trinity to what extent they were reflections of the main characters given the fact that they seemed

Muhlenberg Idol participants sing praises

By JOSH PHILLIPS
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On Tues., Nov. 10, the ever popular *Muhlenberg Idol* was held. Open to all students, auditions were held prior to the event and ten students were selected to participate in the popular on-campus event. Students, staff, and faculty came out to cheer for their favorite idol, filling the Great Room. The event was hosted by the Class Council of 2011. During the first round the ten selected participants had to sing a "modern" song that could not have been released before 2006. Songs in the first round were required to be between a minute and thirty seconds to two minutes in duration. Many of the songs were digitally edited for length; other performers chose to have friends accompany them instrumentally.

Between performances judges Christine Lake, Mike Bruckner, and Dr. Jeffrey Rudski, gave commentary in the tradition of the nationwide television phenomenon that gave the event its namesake. "As a judge, it's so much fun to tweak the stereotypes that we've come to expect from the TV show, and really personalize that to the Muhlenberg experience," judge Christine commented in regards to experiences the past few years as the College's version of Paula Abdul. "As a judge, we are trying to add a little to the entertainment factor."

Anything perceived as being harsh or ultra-critical, should be taken in the spirit of the event," replied Mike Bruckner in regards to his role as the College's Simon Cowell, a role Dr. Rudski was all too happy to share with him. The judges' commentary, as well as brief skits by hosts Adam Rogers '10 and Lisa Marie Ianuzzi '11, really helped to raise the entertainment factor and recreate the feel of the popular television program *American Idol* on campus.

After the first round, the contestants were narrowed down to the top five performers and were asked to perform any song from the 1990's. After the five performances and a dance skit, in which hosts Adam and Lisa Marie wowed the crowd, Victoria Socci '12, Gabe Martinez, '10 and Gregory Paradis '10 were named and advanced to the third and final round. The round started with a beautiful performance of Queen's "Somebody to Love" by Socci, who had also performed in last year's *Idol*.

Afterwards, Victoria, who finished second overall, commented on her feelings as a *Muhlenberg Idol*; "both times I had more fun performing for the student body than I ever thought I would. Not surprisingly, the students here are so supportive of one another, that performing for them really brought out the absolute best in me as a performer and aspiring singer. I'm very grateful to have had this opportunity... it was a blast!" After a spirited rendition of "I'm Changing" by Greg Paradis, Gabe Martinez won



Muhlenberg Idol finalists, pictured from left to right, Greg Paradis '10, runner-up Victoria Socci '12, and winner Gabe Martinez '10

PHOTO BY JOSH PHILLIPS

Correction!

In last week's issue, Victoria Socci, as pictured above, was incorrectly identified as Torie Paone, another of the ten *Idol* participants. We sincerely apologize for this oversight.

the night with a soulful performance of "Try a Little Tenderness." "I was happy to get the last spot and happy to win, but everyone was incredible and it was a great show," commented Martinez, "my parents even got to come up and see it, so props to the class of 2011 for a great event and a wonderful evening."

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to vaguely resemble the written descriptions. After some giggling from the audience and the authors, Nell told me that, in essence, every character a writer creates is in some way an extension of himself or herself. But Trinity did mention (blushing?) that they were definitely the premises for Valentine and Alexa.

Going into more detail about their character development process, Nell and Trinity described to us how they had created Facebook pages for their characters and carried out full-fledged discussions between them on statuses just to see how the characters might respond to each other. Everyone found this extremely fascinating.

Bringing it to a close, Nell had a message for the audience. She mentioned that in this world there are those who do not accept vampire-lesbians—or for that matter, regular lesbians. To

answer those bigots, Nell had some choice, combative words: “live your life with joy and share it.” Bishop Gene Robinson told her this when she needed consolation, and she liked to pass that sentiment on whenever she could.

After Trinity and Nell had finished speaking and I received my free books, I went around the room and asked for some opinions of the night's book reading. One student, Rachel Gutman, '11, described it as a “refreshing break from the hetero-normative, antifeminist, and oppressive nature of the *Twilight* phenomenon.”

Ultimately, I came to realize erotic vampire lesbian fiction, despite all the gloriously enticing sex sequences, is not solely about the sex—it's about the love connection. It's about the love between two people that outlasts the forces against it.

And one look at Nell Stark and Trinity Tam told me they had found just that.

Peace now, freedom now

BY JOHN ZEITOUN
LIFE WRITER

I entered the Al Hirschfeld Theater on Broadway not knowing anything about *Hair* and walked out mesmerized and riveted from one of the most amazing theater performances I've ever seen. *Hair* tells the story of hippies during the Vietnam era and the peace and love that they were yearning for in the 60's. *Hair* has some popular songs, like *Aquarius* and *Let the Sunshine In*, that are bound to have people singing in their seats and dancing along with the tribe. With a top-notch cast, a powerful story, and a unique theater experience this show is the complete package.

Gavin Creel plays Claude and Will Swenson plays Berger, the two leads in the show. Both give unmatched performances that are not to be missed. Creel and Swenson play best friends, and their great chemistry has audience members laughing, crying, and everything in between. Caissie Levy plays Sheila, the NYU student who is the “protestor.” She has an incredible voice and brings down the house as she belts her heart out singing *I Believe in Love* and *Easy to be Hard*.

Holistically, the ensemble was very strong and had excellent singers and actors. Every single person in the cast gave a refreshing and new take on the role. Not only was every voice marvelous, but each one was very unique. Kacie Sheik's voice was unlike anything I've ever heard and she stole scenes with her nuanced take on Jeanie. I loved Sasha Allen's jazzy and soulful voice which gave me chills as she sang *Aquarius*.

Wearing the *Hair* T-shirt that I bought at intermission, I walked out of the theater humming the title song with a huge smile on my face.

It's amazing how meaningful and pertinent this show is now in 2009. This is the time for a *Hair* revival. There are definitive parallels between the play and the current war going on overseas. *Hair* sends hope, freedom, and love our way—something we need now more than ever.

Run to West 45th Street and grab a ticket to see this incredible production. There's a reason this won best revival at the Tony's this year.

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Question of the Week:

If you could add one animal body part to your own body, which would it be?



“A pterodactyl's wings.”
- Joe Dellaripa '12



“A blue whale's endowment.”
- Daniel Wayne, '11



“A dolphin's brain.”
- Lauren Ross, '11



“A dolphin's blowhole.”
- Rachel Gutman, '11



“A koala's nose.”
- Renee Hopkins, '12

Courtesy of Kevin Tomasura

AMC Weekend Listings



2012

Fri. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sat. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sun. 11:00, 2:30, 6:20

Disney's

A Christmas Carol

Fri. 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 2:10, 4:45, 7:30

**The Men Who
Stare at Goats**

Fri. 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:40

Planet 51

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:10
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:10
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

**The Twilight Saga:
New Moon**

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

The Blind Side

Fri. 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
Sat. 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:15

I know everything about him...from Facebook

By E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

I wouldn't say my motive for getting a Facebook account was for the easy stalking, but that seems to be a bonus. I find myself "creeping" on acquaintances'

walls when I'm not sowing crops in Farmville or whacking someone in Mafia Wars.

This new form of stalking has become commonplace in our society. It's pretty easy to find out, for example, if that cute guy I've been watching (not following) has a girlfriend and/or a weed habit.

You're denying it right now.

You're saying, "I don't do that, maybe you're just creepy."

True, but how often have you found yourself searching through your "Friends" to find that girl that sat at your lunch table in fifth grade, just because you had a stray thought about the time she choked on her milk and spit it on your new shirt? Then maybe you thought "Hey, she's kinda cute" and you decided to keep an eye on her relationship status, so you could swoop in two months later when it magically morphed into "single."

Yes, feathered friends, we are all guilty (even YOU, yes, YOU) of the Facebook stalk. Don't leave yet; there's more stalking to come.

I find that traditional stalking is a dying art. Following someone is time consuming (not to mention creepy) and a little boring.

What can you do for an hour and fifteen minutes while waiting for them to get out of class? Detailed notes help.

1:15- M entered GQ. Very exciting!

1:17- In line for a burger ...nope, it's the chicken fingers. I like chicken too!!

1:21- Near M in line. Can smell M from here... Downy?

1:32- Lost track of M. Maybe went out the side door in direction of CA. Theatre major? ...I like plays!

And then there are the more subtle forms of stalking.

A friend of mine says she really started talking to her now-boyfriend when he began texting her. Know how he got her number? By asking one of her friends. That's a little stalky. But common. How many numbers on YOUR phone were obtained through some sort of relationship-starting middleman? I'd like to bet at least two.

I would just like to say that a little harmless stalking happens more than we're aware.

Aside from Facebook creeping, I'm sure we've all had those times where we go to the Garden Room on Wednesdays for lunch, because that's when we see the cute girl from biology or we stop by a certain fraternity because we saw a very attractive someone wearing their sweatshirt.

I can't help but wonder why we do it. Seriously, what's the point? Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think that more than 50% of the time we never follow up with our stalking.

It's nice to catch a glimpse of M, but am I ever going to approach him and make small talk?

No, because I might be the weird girl who tells him she likes his new cologne better than the old one.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Nov. 19

- 1) Ten Thousand Villages in Seegers Rooms 108-110 from 10:00 am-8:00 pm
- 2) Exposed Terrain art exhibition in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8:00 pm
- 3) "So You Say You're Spiritual? discussion in the Great Room from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Fri. Nov. 20

- 1) Hypnotist Kevin Hurley in the Great Room from 10:00 pm-11:30 pm
- 2) Exposed Terrain art exhibition in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8:00 pm

Sat. Nov. 21

- 1) Stuff-a-plush in the Seegers lobby from 9:00 pm-Midnight
- 2) 4 Guys, 1 Mic in the Red Door from 10:00 pm-Midnight
- 3) A Capella Remix in the Red Door from 11:00 pm-midnight
- 4) Exposed Terrain art exhibition in the Martin Art Gallery from Noon-8 pm

Sun. Nov. 22

- 1) Faculty recital: Michael Toth on piano in the Recital Hall from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

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Women's Soccer season comes to an end in NCAA first round

By JOY FORLENZA
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend, the women's soccer team ended their dynamic season in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Having received a bid to the tournament for their winning streak in the Centennial Conference (not counting their loss to Dickinson in the semi-finals), the Lady Mules played Ithaca for a shot at the second round of the tournament. The Lady Mules played strong, but were beat at the last minute as the Ithaca Bombers put in a late goal to win the round.

Late in the first half, sophomore Meghan O'Grady came close to scoring. She beat a Bomber defender and got loose for a one-on-one shot with the Ithaca goalie, but the goalie made a diving save on O'Grady's shot. The second half kept the Lady Mules on defense, as the Bombers occupied Muhlenberg's side of the field. Sophomore goalie Michele Toher stayed on her toes, stopping several breakaways and point-blank shots. She managed seven saves throughout the game.

It was toward the end of the game that Ithaca defeated Muhlenberg. A bomber forced a turnover by the Muhlenberg defense and took a shot on net, which was saved by Toher. It was on the rebound that another Bomber managed to retrieve the ball, move in closer to the net, and score on the rebound of a Mule defender with 11:15 remaining. Senior Christina O'Grady managed a shot on goal after the Bombers scored, but her try was saved, ensuring Ithaca the win. This was the second game in which Muhlenberg was shut out during the season. They were also shut out was in the first game of the season, and coincidentally, their first game opponent was also from upstate New York.

The Lady Mules ended their season with a 12-7 record.



Senior Midfielder Christina O'Grady and the Mules were unable to get past Ithaca College in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Verducci offers an inside look at professional journalism

By ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Sports Illustrated senior baseball writer Tom Verducci came to adjunct professor Jack McCallum's sports media class on Tuesday night to talk about what it is like to work in the sports media industry as well as what it was like to collaborate with former Yankee manager, Joe Torre on their latest book *The Yankee Years*. Verducci covered topics ranging from what it is like to work for a magazine versus a newspaper, writing about the World Series, whether or not the newspaper industry was struggling, and what it was like for his book to be met with so much controversy. Set up in a press conference format, Professor McCallum's class experienced what it was like to be in a press conference environment as well as talk to an esteemed and well respected baseball writer and analyst.

First, Verducci talked about how he broke into the business. He started out at *Newsday* after interning there a previous summer. He gave lots of advice about being persistent and told the class that with just a little bit of luck it is possible to find a great job in the sports media industry.

Verducci also talked about the struggles of writing for the New York media, especially covering the Yankees. When he was first assigned to the "beat" he was a new and young guy keeping up with writers who had been covering the Yankees for 10 years. Verducci was able to overcome the struggles and establish himself as a respected writer. He talked about how, as time went on, he was able to do this by forming professional relationships with the players to gain insight to the clubhouse. He keeps his relationships professional at all times and says that he tries to stay away from being their friends.

"I try to develop trust with the players while remaining professional and not creating a friendship," said Verducci.

One of the most interesting parts of the talk was Verducci's comparison of working for a newspaper to a magazine, specifically the difference between writing for a media outlet that gets printed everyday versus a magazine that gets printed every week. Verducci stated that he enjoyed writing for *Sports Illustrated* because it gave him lots of time to fine tune his article where at a newspaper he was just writing to meet a deadline.

"I love writing and I love sports so putting them together is what I enjoy and working for a magazine really lets me craft my article and do my own sort of thing" said Verducci.

There are some struggles however with writing a magazine that only comes out on a weekly basis. Verducci gave an example pertaining to the World Series. He explained that since the World Series ended on a Wednesday, the public would be tired of hearing about it a week later. So Verducci said he had two choices. One

choice would be to give Yankee fans a chance to relive the World Series. The second choice was to find information that had not yet been talked about and would be new a week later. Verducci decided to go with the second option and heard that starting pitcher Andy Pettitte had to go into the Yankee clubhouse between innings to be attended to by a trainer because he was so fatigued. This was newsworthy because for the World Series, the Yankees were using their starting pitchers on a short rotation so they were not getting as many days rest in between their starts as they usually did. No one else wrote about this story so it was perfect to write about in *Sports Illustrated* the week after the World Series.

According to Verducci, about 1500 to 2000 members of the media cover the World Series. Getting the chance to write about the World Series is incredibly prestigious and exciting. To Verducci, it is even more than that; he considers it to be writing history.

"I think working for *Sports Illustrated* you are almost writing history on the spot," said Verducci. "It is not so much the excitement of the moment, as it is the fact that you are chronicling history. People will go back to read that story years from now. So I think there is an additional factor that you are aware of, especially for the big moments. Whether it's the Kirk Gibson home run game of the World Series or Game 7 of the 2001 World Series, you know how big that is right at that moment. As a writer, you are thinking I have to get this right because this is history in front of us."

Speaking of making history, Verducci also talked about the book he wrote with Joe Torre called *The Yankee Years*. The book caused quite a stir prior to its release as well as when it was available to the public. Here is what Verducci had to say about the controversy.

"The key word you used was prior to the release," said Verducci. "What happened was the New York Post either was told about the book or got its hands on the book a week and a half before it came out. So the controversy came from people reacting not to the book but to the New York Post's description or account of the book. I was not expecting that and it was probably one of the most frustrating parts of the process. For a week and a half people were responding to the wrong characterization of what the book really was and that was very frustrating."

Verducci left the class with some comfortable words, especially for all those who are afraid the newspaper industry is in fact "dying". Verducci believes they are not dying and spoke about how newspapers can never be replaced they just may be different in the future.

"Newspapers are not dying, they are just evolving," said Verducci. "We don't know how they will evolve but the power of word is so important and storytelling will never go away."

Handball improvements seen across the board

Intramural Team Handball continued this week and it was probably the best week of games we have seen in the past two years of IM Handball. This week displayed some of the top teams playing against each other as well as some real close games that went down to the wire. It appears that Team Handball has really caught on this year and participants are real excited about it each week.

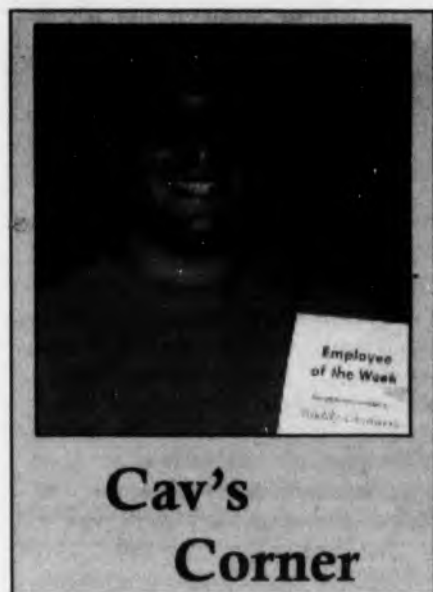
The first game of the night was between the Goal-rillas and Kon Tiki. Kon Tiki had shown week one that no matter what distractions might come their way, they are still able to find a way to win. The Goal-rillas were also coming off an impressive week one win. The game went goal for goal throughout the first and most of the second half. The final ten minutes of the second half showed that Kon Tiki's offense was just too much for the Goal-rillas to stop. Both teams played well despite the fact neither team had any subs. Look out for both of these teams to make strong playoff pushes as the season goes on.

The second game was Team Taze against Team Ramrod. Several members of Team Taze were on Team Ramrod in Intramural Flag Football so this game had to be a good one. This game was an offensive showdown, going back and forth the entire first half with great goalie efforts by Juniors Mark

"Smooth Cat" Cassera and Ryan "Sonny Weems" Malarick. Team Taze jumped out to a lead at the start of the second half and never looked back. Team Taze has been the leading scoring team so far. If they can continue to play defense and score at the same rate they will be a very tough team to beat.

The third game was the only blowout of the evening. Tuck's Dogs got their first victory of the year in a convincing win against Second Flaw Walz. Tuck's Dogs is a returning team from last year and are looking to make a playoff run which looks probable if they can keep playing like they did last night.

The final and best game of the night was between Team Work and Team Naids. Team Work was without their star Junior Pat Rowan but still had plenty of athletes to keep the game interesting. The game consisted of remarkable goaltending by Freshman Jeff Naids and Junior Joe DiCecilia. The game went into an overtime shootout for the first time in the two years of IM Team Handball. Both goalies continued their stellar play in the shootout and it wasn't until they shot on each other that Team Naids came out victorious. Team Naids, which consists of all freshmen, may turn out to be one of the stronger teams this year and look for them to continue to upset some of the proven powerhouses.



Cav's Corner

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WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Bobby Torphy qualifies for NCAA Cross Country Championships

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

On Sun., Nov. 15, Junior Bobby Torphy, a member of the Mules' Men's Cross Country team, received a bid to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Torphy will travel to host school Baldwin-Wallace College to participate in the Championship on Sat., Nov. 21. The event will take place at Highland Hills Golf Course in Highlands, Ohio.

For the NCAA's, Muhlenberg is in the Mid-east Region and usually has a chance at either an automatic or an at-large bid to the championships. This year the region received the maximum of three bids, but unfortunately, the men's cross-country team was left off the list. This is not so for Torphy, as he automatically qualified for the Championships by being the fifth place runner in the region out of the schools who did not receive an earlier bid.



Senior Bobby Torphy is headed to Cleveland for the NCAA Championships.

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For the fifth year in a row Muhlenberg has a runner represented in the NCAA for cross-country. Torphy also completed a feat of his own: an All-American Indoor Track runner as a Sophomore, became the first Muhlenberg student to qualify for both NCAA Championships in Track and Cross Country in the same year.

When asked about his goal for the Championships, Torphy said, "I'm going to shoot for the top 100," and he thinks it can be done. If Torphy is able to accomplish his goal by placing in the top 100, he will be just the third ever Mule to do so.

"When I went to Nationals last year it put everything into perspective," said the runner. "The guys there are just as mortal as everyone else, so it won't be that intimidating."

"My main was getting all-region," said the modest Junior runner. "Going to nationals is just a plus."

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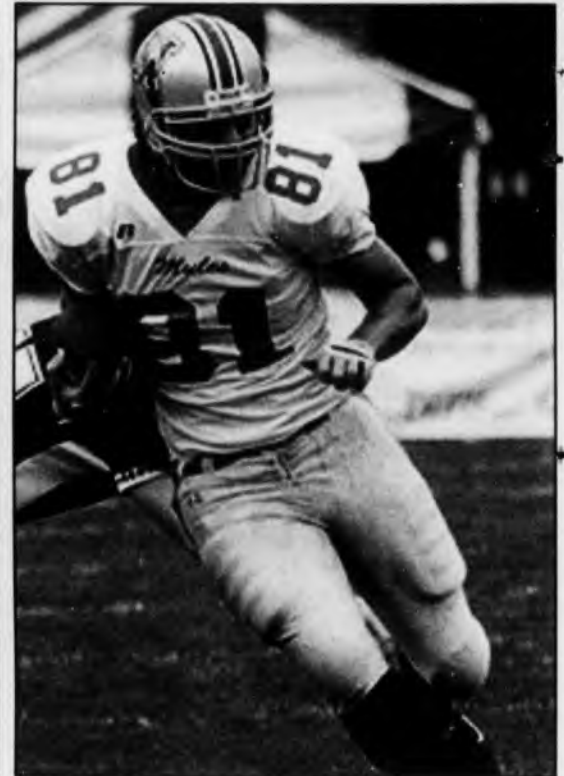
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important interception (for the second straight week) on the drive immediately following the Mules' touchdown. Ahouse had three interceptions this season (tied for first with Hartzell and sophomore safety Kevin Ryan). He had an extraordinary career at Muhlenberg. In 2006, he had a game where he achieved a record 121 return yards on interceptions.

Despite their record, the Mules had a good season, considering it was a rebuilding year. The Mules' defense was the best in-conference, allowing only 15.8 points a game and 256.7 total yards a game. The defense will lose a considerable amount of talent next season with the graduation of Jake Floyd and Frank Emmett (thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth respectively in-conference in tackles per game), who combined for 100 tackles-for-a-loss this year.

On the offensive side, senior center Kevin Hussey will be missed. Most notably, however, will be the omission of Cresta from the programs.

However, the three quarterbacks who started this year will be returning after working out the growing pains. And, Dandridge has shown that he could possibly fill the big shoes of Muhlenberg running back. As usual, the Mules will return with their defense that is perennially spectacular. Phil Cresta, Frank Emmett, and Patrick McDonough were named All-Centennial Conference first-team. Junior punter Jason LoPipero received second-team honors due to his average of 34.7 yards per punt. Floyd and Curley received honorable mention, as did sophomore defensive back Chase Nadell, who had an interception, a sack, 3 batted balls, and 33 tackles. Good luck and congratulations to all the graduating seniors.



Left: Junior Punter Jason LoPipero was named Centennial Conference Special Teams Player of the Week; Right: Senior Wide Receiver Phil Cresta finished his collegiate career with the third most receptions and receiving yards in the program's history.

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Scotty Wood Tournament Schedule

Friday, November 20

- 1:00 Alvernia vs. Scranton (Women)
- 3:00 Moravian vs. William Paterson (Men)
- 6:00 Muhlenberg vs. Pitt-Bradford (Women)
- 8:00 Muhlenberg vs. Oneonta State (Men)

Saturday, November 21

- 1:00 Women's consolation
- 3:00 Men's consolation
- 6:00 Women's championship
- 8:00 Men's championship

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Winter 2009-2010 Office of Residential Services

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Happy Holidays!

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Morvian		0
Mules		7
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NCAA Tournament		
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Ithaca		1
Cross Country Nov. 14		
NCAA Midwest Regional		
Men		15th
Women		25th

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Scotty Wood: causing excitement for 28 years

BY VANESSA LANE AND ADAM BERNSTEIN
SPORTS WRITERS

Scotty Wood is back! This weekend, the College will be hosting the 28th Annual Scotty Wood Tournament in Memorial Hall.

Men's Basketball: The men's basketball team is gearing up for an exciting tournament. First-year Head Coach Scott McClary will coach the Mules. On his view of the Mules he said, "Coach Madiera left us with one of the strongest fields in the 28-year history of the tournament." McClary also stated that our school and community go above and beyond making this a first class event and an awesome way to kick off the season. The men (16-11) will open with Oneonta State, the team they defeated to win the 2005 Wood Championship.

The men are ready to win with the amazing partnership of the "twin towers," Senior Center Peter Barnes and Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic. They are both returning as All-Conference players. "I am impressed with their talent—but even more impressed with how hard they work and what kind of teammates they are," expressed McClary. Although McClary is a first-year head coach, he said, "I certainly respect and recognize the strengths of his program."

McClary had worked with Coach Madiera for eight years. Madiera had also earned the title of the winningest coach in the College's history.

Women's Basketball: In the annual Scotty Wood Basketball Kick-Off Tournament this Friday and Saturday, the women's side of the bracket will offer some tough competition and a great showcase of talent.

The four teams in the women's half of the bracket combined for a record of 81-33 last year. Muhlenberg reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament while Scranton reached the Elite 8. Last season the Mules finished 26-4 and Scranton finished 26-5. Both Muhlenberg and Scranton are also the last two Scotty Wood champions. Scranton, won in 2007, and Muhlenberg beat William Paterson in last year's final game of the Tournament for its fifth championship in six years. Even both first round match-ups are challenging. Muhlenberg plays Pitt-Bradford who was a tough team last year despite their 11-14 record. Scranton is paired with Alvernia who gave Muhlenberg one of its four losses of the season last year. If the top seeded teams, Muhlenberg and Scranton, make it to the final round, it will be a match-up of epic proportions.

On Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:00 pm the Lady Mules will play their first game against Pitt-Bradford. The men will play their first game against Oneonta State at 8:00 pm. Don't forget to see the championship games. The women will play again at 6:00 pm and the men will play at 8:00 pm on Sat., Nov. 21. Good luck Mules!



Junior Guard Kelly McKeon looks to take the Lady Mules back to the top of the Conference for the second straight year.

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Football team overcomes loss-laden season with win against Moravian

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

With a 7-0 victory, the Muhlenberg football team (3-7, 2-6) beat the Moravian Greyhounds (2-8, 2-6) thanks to their defensive prowess, which Berg fans have been spoiled with the past few years. It was clear that despite the fact that, for both teams, this was the last game in a season which many considered a rebuilding year, the rivalry was not dead. Despite their latest victory, the Mules are still behind in the all-time series 24-32-2. In the last collegiate game for several Mules, the veteran defenders dominated the Moravian offense, intercepting two passes and sacking the quarterback nine times (a season high). Junior linebacker Andy Curley had 7 tackles, 2.5 of which were sacks. For his efforts, he received the Bianco Award as Muhlenberg's MVP. Curley had the most sacks by a linebacker in the Centennial Conference, and had the fourth most of any defender regardless of position. The offense was also uncharacteristically efficient. Going into Saturday's game, the Mules were averaging over 3 turnovers a game, but they did not give

up the ball during the win.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Mules were put in fantastic field position early in the second quarter after a 28-yard punt by Steve Nissley brought the Mules to the Moravian 19-yard line. Four rushes by freshman running back Terrence Dandridge, who led the team with 505 rushing yards on the season and led all conference freshmen (with at least 100 touches) with an average of 3.9 yards a carry, left the Mules on the Greyhounds' 6. On first and goal, Mules freshman quarterback Dan Deighan was flushed out of the pocket, but connected with sophomore tight end Steve Liparini for the only score of the game. Liparini had five receptions for 56 yards on the game, topping off a breakout season in which he had 216 yards and 2 touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Phil Cresta had another spectacular season with 62 receptions, second-most of any Mule in one season. He finished his career as a Mule with 161 receptions for 2631, solidifying himself as one of the top wide receivers the Muhlenberg football team has ever seen.

The Moravian offense only entered Mules' territory twice throughout the entire game. The defense stepped up big, allowing only 39 yards rushing and 146 total yards of offense. Most impressively, the Mules sacked the Moravian quarterback 9 times – contributing were senior defensive ends Jake Floyd and Jeremiah Lachaud, senior linebacker Frank Emmett, junior linebackers Scott Lissner and Patrick McDonough (with a team-high 9 tackles, and 80 on the season [fourth in the Centennial Conference]), and sophomore defensive lineman Mike Kellum.

Several defensive plays contributed to the shutout. Late in the second quarter, the Greyhounds threatened to enter the Mules' side of the field when Curley got sacks on two consecutive plays. Midway through the third quarter, Moravian got to the Mules' 26-yard line but failed to convert on fourth down. In the fourth, the Greyhounds were marching until sophomore cornerback Chris Hartzell picked the ball on second-and-one.

Senior cornerback Cameron Ahouse had another

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The job market: high GPA and diploma are no longer enough

BY JENNIFER GABLE
NEWS WRITER

When it comes to finding work post-graduation, experts and recent grads are saying, "No." Until recently, college graduates had an ideal position in the job market. In fact, employers often competed with each other to hire the newly available candidates. But, as we all know, the times have changed.

With the current economic recession, availabilities in the job market are scarce. Many workers have been and continue to be laid off as labor costs are cut, contributing to the increase in the unemployment rate. If there is no place for current members of the workforce to provide their already developed knowledge and skills, where does that leave college graduates who are just starting out?

The answer is not promising. A study done by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) shows that the graduating class of 2008 was the last to see a positive job outlook.

College hiring dropped by 22% in 2009, and employers expect that number to fall another 7% for the soon-to-be 2010 graduates (NACE, 2009). This annual study tracks hiring projections over the last eight years. Never have conditions been as dismal as 2010 grads will face.

"We '09 grads are terrified of the class of 2010," confesses Leslie Schaeffer, a 2009 college graduate with a degree in Media and Communication. "I still know '08 grads who don't have jobs."

Leslie graduated with honors from a prestigious private school, and even attended the NYU Summer Publishing Program immediately following graduation. Yet somehow she is now working three low paying jobs with only internships in fields re-

lated to her interest.

The hardships that new graduates will face are also evident in the current fates of the initially successful graduates from previous years. Entry level positions found by these new workers haven't consistently ensured job security through the economic downturn.

Kristen Rastelli, a 2007 English and Art History graduate, immediately landed a year long associate position with Random House. At the completion of this position in 2008, she became a marketing assistant with a smaller company where she was given more responsibilities and excellent experience. "Unfortunately, since I was in a supportive role, it was one that the company decided it could do without once the recession hit."

With the limited number of positions available in the job market today, Kristen is finding that even her two years of work experience in publishing is not enough to help move her career forward. Her experience says that most industries are "looking for mid-level people who can do lots, and who they can pay a lot less to do it."

It's an age-old vicious cycle that seems impossible to escape. To get experience in your field, you need to find work that is in, or at least related to, your field. But you can't find work unless you have the experience that employers look for in potential employees.

This all seems pretty bleak, and it is true that there will be rough times ahead for many college graduates. However, it is also very true that there *are* jobs out there. Some students will be hired right out of school, and other recent grads will find the employment they have been looking for.

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Finding a voice for Allentown's homeless

BY RACHEL ZARKIN & MEGHAN BUTLER
NEWS WRITERS

Have you ever seen a homeless person and wondered how they became homeless? Do you ever wonder why they just couldn't get a job like everyone else? We had these questions and they are what led us to visit a local soup kitchen with the intention of speaking to these homeless people we see living in Allentown. We weren't sure exactly what to expect, but what we found was a group of people very willing to educate us on their world and open up to us about their experiences living on the streets.

Prior to arriving, we had heard that a group of homeless people who frequent this soup kitchen had recently received a grant to start a newsletter for homeless people in the area. For the past few Wednesdays, we have been meeting with the committee who will be starting the *Voices of Hope* newsletter. Their mission is to "inform the public of the ongoing and increasing homeless situation in Allentown." The conversations we had with the committee that were the most profound

included discussions about stereotypes of the homeless. The committee asked us "What do people at your school think about homeless people?" We weren't sure how to respond without sounding ignorant or rude, but we were able to have a very honest conversation with the committee about stereotypes we have heard, as well as stereotypes they have encountered.

One of the first questions people have about the homeless is "Why don't they just get a job?" While this may be a valid question to ask of some homeless people, for the majority of the homeless, this is just not a fair question. Economically, times are tough, and many people are forced onto the streets after losing their jobs. Additionally, once they are on the streets, it's harder to find a job. People who are homeless do not have the resources to make themselves presentable to interview for a job that pays well. It is easy to get trapped in this perpetual cycle.

Another common perception of those who are homeless is that they do not have family, because if they did, they would never have to be on the streets. Students at

the college would probably find it hard to imagine not having family or friends take them in if they found themselves in a position where they could no longer support themselves. "A lot of the time its pride" said one committee member "you don't want to go home." Pride, strained family relationships, feeling like a burden, or financial strain are all factors that can result in homelessness.

"I was taking classes at a local college until I was unable to pay for it any longer" said one committee member about her educational experiences. Many associate the homeless with the uneducated, but this is not always the case. "There are two types of smart...book and street" added another committee member. You have to be very smart and resourceful in order to live a life of homelessness. Knowing where to sleep, where to find food, how to stay safe, and how to keep warm are all skills necessary to surviving.

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Letter to the editor

To The Muhlenberg Weekly:

I share the concerns of Muhlenberg students who want to be good neighbors but have questions about the efficacy and fairness of the College's Disruptive Conduct Policy (DCP). Earlier this semester, after requesting an update on the current policy's implementation and results, I determined that the DCP had been inconsistently implemented and that many members of our community were not aware of the built-in appeals process that could rectify some of the early problems with implementation.

I have asked Dean of Students Karen Green and appropriate members of her staff to work with the College Committee for Campus Life (CCCL) to revisit the policy's provisions and propose changes that will make it clearer and fairer, as well as more effective. CCCL has already met and begun to discuss the question and hopes to have a forum for further discussion among students and neighbors early in the spring semester. I encourage students who have ideas about the policy to share their thoughts with the CCCL by communicating with their student representatives Jon Falk and Amanda Palmer or with chair of the Committee, Troy Dwyer. I have also offered to discuss the policy – and proposed changes to it – with our SGA members if that would be helpful. I am confident that working together we can develop a policy that will discourage disorderly behavior in our neighborhood while not being unreasonably restrictive to responsible social life.

In the meantime, pending the outcome of those conversations and the development of an improved policy, Dean Green has worked with her team to eliminate the implementation problems that characterized the first few months of the policy. In particular, all students should be aware that, under the current policy, there is a right of appeal to the Dean of Students and that Dean Green is equally committed to fairness and reasonableness in the process. My best wishes as we all head into the homestretch of the fall semester.

Sincerely,
President Randy Helm

The College's Disruptive Conduct Policy

Four years go by fast enough

A few weeks ago, Newsweek's cover story was "The Three-Year Solution," by Lamar Alexander. Alexander argued that college should only take three years, instead of four, to save time along with forty thousand dollars in tuition fees. Alexander says that if we took more classes each semester, eliminated some electives, and went to school year round, it would benefit parents, students, and schools. He says that rising tuition fees are sending students into debt; and our long summer breaks are not necessary, because students no longer have to go home to help their parents "on the farm." Also, the costs of running a college campus during our long breaks when we are not here is wasteful. A number of schools throughout the country have already adopted this program.

While good in theory, in practice we don't think this idea would be beneficial to students. Firstly, at a liberal arts campus like Muhlenberg, electives are necessary for us to choose our field(s) of study. One of the benefits of a liberal arts education is the opportunity to explore and be exposed to a wide range of disciplines so that we can make sure that the field of study we chose is in fact the right choice for us. It also makes us more well-rounded, and better-informed citizens.

In addition, the real-world experience that you get through a summer internship proves to be invaluable. If that internship is in the field that you want to go into, you get more out of it by doing it over the summer than cramming it in with four other classes during a regular semester. Plus, studying abroad would be much more difficult to fit into your schedule in a three year program. Internships and studying abroad better prepare students for a job and are effective resume builders. Most people also use the summer as time to boost their bank accounts. During the two semesters at school, many students do not hold jobs so that they can focus on their school work. Summer is their time to replenish their pockets.

We guess it depends on the type of education you are looking for and what you expect to get out of higher education. But from our experience at the College, we can safely say that we like it the way it is.

No room for indecision; just victory



Today's Issues

ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

On Tues., Dec. 1, President Obama delivered a straightforward and decisive speech to the American people. In this address, the President made his decision to send an additional 30,000 combat troops to Afghanistan public. This decision was definitely a tough one to make. There has been much concern raised over this escalation in combat forces in Afghanistan, and rightfully so. Fighting a war is no simple matter, but it requires a decisive leader. President Obama made a wise decision and has moved in the

right direction as a war-time president.

The American people, the President, members of Congress, and our military commanders have all recognized the worsening condition of Afghanistan. There is a mutual understanding that the Afghan government and the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have not reached the capability of acting independently. Based on this understanding, the United States government and armed forces have set out to devise a new strategy that will point Afghanistan in the right direction.

The President's announcement seems to have stirred up some controversy. There have been critics from both ends of the political spectrum. What appears to be the most common concern over the new "surge" of troops in Afghanistan is the thought of the troop increase being used as a stepping-stone towards a permanent occupation force. Many Americans have assumed that such a plan has only demonstrated the U.S. commitment to stretching the war out longer and encouraging a greater stay in Afghanistan, but these ideas are far from the truth.

Prior to Tuesday's public appearance, the President had been presented with a proposal drawn up by the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, General Stanley McChrystal. Coverage by the media revealed that McChrystal's request called for the sending of an addi-

tional 40,000 American combat troops to Afghanistan.

This may sound like an overwhelming number, but there is a reason behind the madness. An increase in combat forces in Afghanistan has a much more complex and critical line of thought than many people might think. Opponents of the plan have been trying to paint images of more bombs falling on cities, more door-kicking, and a greater terrorist-hunting effort in Afghanistan. Actually, these aspects of war and counterterrorism have not managed to find a place in Gen. McChrystal's new and improved strategy.

Instead, the mission of the US forces in Afghanistan will focus on a counterinsurgency. A counterinsurgency does not rely on solely military operations and killing as many terrorists or insurgents as possible. The counterinsurgency that Gen. McChrystal and the President are backing aims to strip the insurgents of the control that they have exercised over the Afghan people by establishing greater trust and cooperation between US forces and the Afghan citizens. Gen. McChrystal has encouraged the troops fighting in Afghanistan to "embrace the people," "partner with the Afghan National Security Forces," and become a "positive force in the community." These tasks are extraordinarily important in getting the Afghan people on our side and leaving

Afghanistan in a self-sustainable state.

Carrying out a successful counterinsurgency will not be easy. If American and Afghan forces are to defeat the insurgency by utilizing a community-centric strategy, then having an adequate number of boots on the ground is a necessity. This is exactly why President Obama and Gen. McChrystal have described the need to send additional combat forces to Afghanistan. With greater numbers comes more flexibility and the ability to make a meaningful presence in every critical region of Afghanistan, no matter how remote or distant.

Not only will the increase in troop levels aid in the counterinsurgency, but it will also aid in getting the ANSF up-to-speed. Major Gen. Richard Formica, the officer in charge of training the ANSF, explained the reasoning behind the surge in troops. He believes that an increase in U.S. troop levels would also provide a much needed boost in military advisers and trainers. If we leave Afghanistan with a functioning, fully capable defense force, then the Afghan people will be able to maintain order and internal security on their own.

In order to understand what all the fuss over Afghanistan is about, we must ask ourselves a key question. Why is the security and stability of Afghanistan directly linked to the nation-

Oh, Edward and vampires

BY STACY ZAKALIK
OP/ED WRITER

Ms. Meyer, I would like to write to you about your *Twilight* saga. I must say that I am a young, independent woman who wants to become a fantasy writer when I become older. I just wanted to thank you. You have taught me everything wrong to do if I do ever write my own fantasy novel.

But, I need to reprimand you for a few things as well. Yes, I have not read all of the series (I could only get through the first 100 pages of *Twilight* before giving up on it), but I know how each of the books progress and the gist of the whole series. Only three words are needed: Edward and Bella. I know I should not judge, but it is not easy with books like these.

When the main character is a whiny, lovelorn bitch whose life revolves around guys, you know you've done something wrong. Also, since when is an abusive, controlling boyfriend ever considered the male protagonist? To me, that would seem the perfect idea for the antagonist. But, I digress.

Perhaps more than the two-dimensional characters (being hot does not add a dimension, I'm sorry to say) and the fact that vampires sparkle in the sunlight (really?), the thing that bothers me the most is the message this series is sending. To put it quite

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plainly, you're telling young women everywhere that all they need is a young, hot, good-smelling/looking man to make them happy. I mean, come on? You could have done so much more with this series!

In *Lord of the Rings*, we learned about the power of friendship and that even the smallest person could make a difference. In *Harry Potter*, we learned about the power of love and the foolishness of trying to escape death. (Okay, I am a nerd. Get over it!) These are perhaps two of my all-time favorite stories, not

because they are filled with hot, boring characters but because of the message these exciting and interesting characters send. And it is certainly not done in a cheesy way, a la *Twilight*.

Look, don't get me wrong, I'm all for the anti-hero you try to portray in Edward (Dr. Horrible, anyone?), but when he and the Cullens (and Bella, but she doesn't really do anything, so I don't count her) just sit outside a room looking at each other's pretty faces while innocent people are being torn apart by evil vampires, you know something is wrong. Something must be taken from the book, something important that will give it a deeper meaning. I shudder to think of what *Harry Potter* would have turned out like if you had written it.

Ron: Harry, quick! Voldemort has invaded Hogwarts! You must stop him!

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Polarization of the campus

BY DAVID EISENBERG
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The College has changed in many ways since my freshman year. The political bent of the Weekly, and of the campus in general, is one of the things

that have changed. During my freshman and sophomore years, the only student political organization on campus was the College Democrats because it was a foregone conclusion that the College Republicans would fold after a few weeks. Even then, the College Democrats meetings became less attended as time went on.

In short, my first two years here were marked by political apathy. While most people had political beliefs, they didn't hold them very strongly. I don't remember much of the op-ed section those two years, but I do remember that the only people who bothered to write were liberals. This isn't to say that there weren't conservatives, but not many of them felt like they should write for the Weekly. Some would say that these were the good times, but I can't agree when one side dominates the discourse of an apathetic campus.

Come my junior year, this all changed. Fresh off campaign speeches, the year before by Barack Obama and Bill Clinton, the liberals on campus, including myself, felt a renewed sense of political activism. Perhaps feeling that they needed to respond to our resurgence, the conservatives on campus started gathering momentum. College Republican meetings didn't stop meeting after the first month. By the end of the year, we had actual conservative voices discussing issues in the Weekly alongside myself and our previous columnist, and the College Democrats and College Republicans co-sponsored a visit from then-Republican Senator Arlen Specter. At the end of that visit, Senator Specter said something that stuck with me and, I hope, everyone else in that room. He said that we should not drag our respective parties to the extreme right or left, which he felt that both sides were doing.

Unfortunately, this year I have seen people in the Weekly try to do the same thing that Specter warned us against doing. In the very first issue of the Weekly this year, I was treated to an article that denied global warming and one that advocated the United States pulling out of the UN. And just this past week, I read an article that jumped straight to the conclusion that the Fort Hood shooter is a terrorist, as if there were no other explanation for him doing this. If I wanted to read this kind of inanity, I'd watch Fox News. I'd hear much the same things that they're advocating in this paper.

This is not to say that all conservatives don't have an open mind, nor do I think that our liberals don't suffer from the same shortsightedness. Even though I hardly agree with the points he makes in his columns, I consider Adam Yu a good friend that I can talk to. He even told me that he welcomes objections to his columns. He is a thoughtful and

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al security interests of the United States? We can answer these questions by looking at real life examples.

Just as in Afghanistan, regions in Pakistan have fallen under direct control and influence of the Taliban. Pakistan actually permitted the Taliban to maintain rule over two regions in the hopes that they could barter for peace. Pakistan's government eventually needed to retake the Swat Valley and South Waziristan from the Taliban because of the staggering rise in violence and terrorism that spread from these regions throughout Pakistan.

We can make a true difference. One of the most convincing success stories was given by Max Boot, a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, when he traveled to Afghanistan. Max Boot traveled with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment in Nawa, a small rural district located in the Helmand River Valley. Prior to the arrival of the 1,000 Marines, Nawa could be described as an abandoned, empty, closed off community that fell under Taliban rule. There was little to no activity or life in Nawa. After the Marines and ANSF fought and chased the Taliban out of Nawa, it has become a thriving area. Who would have thought that Helmand, one of Afghanistan's more dangerous provinces, would see vehicle and pedestrian activity, the opening of more than 70 stores, and the construction of bridges and schools. The Marines even said that they no longer have to wear body armor in the streets, and the townspeople report any suspicious behavior to the police and Marines.

It is important for our leaders to separate politics from military decision-making. Allowing the recommendations of our experts in the field to be top priority, as the President did, is wise. Politicians would have little trouble politicizing such an important issue and leading us farther away from success.

Write an Op/Ed.

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Smoke hookah; not Afghanistan



View from the Left

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Tues., Dec. 1st, was a disappointing day in American history when President Obama announced during a speech at West Point that he is calling for a deployment of 30,000 additional troops in Afghanistan. This increase in the number of troops will bring the total to nearly 100,000 US soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

According to the White House, the estimated cost per year for each additional troop will be just over \$1 million. I trust that you can do the simple arithmetic to figure out how much money the US and President Obama plan to spend on erasing al-Qaeda from this planet. According to the Dept. of Defense, the US military intelligence estimates that there are only 100 Taliban insurgents left in the Afghan state.

That equates to one thousand US soldiers per one Afghan insurgent, or \$1 billion per year per Afghan insurgent. The US has far too much power in this world and is clearly deciding to use it.

So what is Obama's motivation for such an unnecessary use of the US's grotesquely huge military power? First off, there is oil. What Obama will also not tell us is that the growing occupation is all consistent with Zbigniew Brzezinski's diabolical plan for America's securing control of Central Asia and Caspian Sea gas and oil producing nations. Brzezinski, a well known strategist and founder of the Trilateral Commission, along with George Soros, David Rockefeller and former national security advisor to President Carter, see control of that corridor, which includes the old Silk Route, as the key to control of the world's commerce. The presence of the US military in Afghanistan is pivotal to procurement of this plan.

What it boils down to is that whoever controls Afghanistan controls access to all of the major gas and oil pipelines in this region. It also serves, from a logistical standpoint, as the perfect staging area for US to extend its occupation into Pakistan and neighboring countries in Central Asia and into the oil and gas rich Caspian Sea Region. People think that this war is about Osama Bin Laden; grow up and open your eyes.

Not only is this war an attempt to control the world's economy but is essentially a manifestation of the US's inability to allow developing countries to govern their own development. Since the days of Theodore Roosevelt, the US has shown its burning desire to intervene

where it does not belong. In the case of this current Afghan war, Obama seems to care very little about the self-governance of the Afghan state. Obama's speech made little mention of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

The US wants the world to believe he is incapable of being a reliable "partner" to which the US and the international community can hitch its wagon. This is a prime example of how the US uses its power to place leaders in foreign countries that will serve as puppets for the US's interests abroad. Of course when their plans to put their own mercenaries in power in these pivotal foreign states go awry, the US responds with occupancy. Yet Obama, just like the Bushes, Clinton, and Reagan, put on the façade of a benevolent agent that brings peace through brutal occupancy. Obama stated in his address, "It will be clear to the Afghan government, and, more importantly, to the Afghan people, that they will ultimately be responsible for their own country." Yeah, right.

For those who think that the US involvement with Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan began after Sept. 11, 2001, think again. Let's go back to 1980, where sideburns and big, eccentric hair ruled supreme (well at least in the privileged United States). It was in this year that the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan had taken over power during the Afghan Civil War and asked the USSR to help suppress resistance from the mujahideen, also known as "freedom-fighters." Let's flash forward to 1989, to the withdrawal of the Soviet Union from Afghanistan, following ten very exasperating years fighting the CIA-backed mujahideen. It

is well accepted now that this long period of fighting was a significant cause of the breakup of the USSR. The Afghan freedom-fighters were used as puppets of the US's interest to fight the Soviets. The US didn't care about the monstrosities created by our funding of an overseas war; the US, led by the now-famous Charlie Wilson, simply saw this as a great opportunity to fight the big, bad communism. Lucky for Charlie Wilson, after ten years of fighting an endless and unnecessary war, the Soviet Union fell into a maelstrom of poverty and contempt for its own government. It seems that we are repeating a grim history.

President Obama pledged to continue our occupancy of Afghanistan for at least two more years, making our war in Afghanistan dangerously similar to the decade-long Soviet occupancy. If the Soviet Union, once a strong world power, could collapse over a ten year war with the US-trained mujahideen, what is preventing the US from falling into the same trap?

Obama promised many things during his campaign for president. As it turns out, this deplorable deployment of soldiers is one of the few things that Obama wasn't blowing smoke about. Gays? Maybe later. Patriot Act? Now that I think about it, there are some awfully good things in there. Secrecy in government? Shush! Let's not talk too much about that one. Universal Health-Care? Why, that would destroy our health insurance industry! Of all things that we could do domestically, why is he keeping his promise about this one? Will it not stop until the US controls every pivotal developing nation with oil?

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Harry: But, I don't want to. Cho Chang broke up with me yesterday, so now I'm just going to mope around in my room and wish I had never been born.

Ron: But, Harry! He's gonna kill all your friends, and McGonagall and Dumbledore too!

Harry: I don't care. Just wake me up when this is all over.

As you can see, this is not a very exciting story (and it sends the wrong message, among other things). This is your story, and it appeals to millions, if not billions, of women everywhere. Ms. Meyer, there's a difference between self-deprecating and just whiny, and there's a difference between love and lust. I hope you take this to heart. Here's to hoping that the next big fantasy series will have strong, relatable characters, and a message, which, if I can't take to heart, I can at least think about. I just hope that this is not too much to ask out of the authors of the world.

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open-minded person who can understand why people don't agree with him. On the flip side, some of my left-wing friends consider his columns as attacking them. Reading columns in class as a way to say, "Hey, look at this idiot," is hardly civil. I don't feel that the government is giving out free rides to illegal immigrants at all, but I can talk about it to the person who wrote it.

I feel that in the next few years after I'm gone, the campus will only get worse in terms of political views. Though I'm sure that the campus will stay a mostly liberal place, I think that the campus will become more polarized than it is already. I hope that cooler heads prevail when we discuss issues that we feel are important. I have been guilty of jumping to emotion in the past, but I wish to use them as learning experiences, and I hope that our college can realize that there is a problem brewing between groups of people here.

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Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 17 – Injured Student – At the soccer stadium, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 17 – Sick Student – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of vandalism to the door and a latch was stolen valued at \$300. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to correct the problem.

Nov. 18 – Injured Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of an injured visitor. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The person was taken to the hospital.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – In Brown Hall, first floor, a reporting party turned in a student ID. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Nov. 18 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found jacket. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 19 – Fire/Safety Violation – At the Delta Zeta (Frederick Augustus) house, there was a report of a fire safety violation. A smoke detector was covered. A bill will be sent for the violation.

Nov. 20 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – On Liberty St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded and the house was cleared. There was no further incident.

Nov. 20 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 20 – Suspicious Activity – Off campus, there was a report of suspicious activity. An officer spoke to students. Investigation will continue.

Nov. 20 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – In the Martin Luther Hall parking lot, there was a report of a vehicle that was illegally parked in a handi-

cap spot. A boot was placed on the vehicle and a towing company was notified to respond. The vehicle was not towed. The boot was later removed from the vehicle.

Nov. 20 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 21 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused transport to the hospital.

Nov. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of vandalism to shrubs. Attempts will be made to notify the suspect.

Nov. 21 – Larceny/Theft – In East Hall, there was a report of a stolen bike. The reporting party later called Campus Safety and stated that the bike had been found.

Nov. 21 – Found Property – In the Center of the Arts, there was a report of several found items. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 22 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of drug possession. The person was identified. Items were placed in the evidence locker at Campus Safety. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 22 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of found drug paraphernalia and a covered smoke detector. The items were placed in the evidence locker at Campus Safety. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 22 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and transported an individual to the

hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 22 – Suspicious Person – In Ettinger, basement, there was a report of an individual looking at inappropriate material on a computer. The person was identified and told to leave the building. A letter of trespass will be sent to the individual in question.

Nov. 22 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 22 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, forth floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Nov. 23 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 23 – Sick Student – In Ettinger, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Nov. 24 – Found Property – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, a reporting party turned in a found wallet. The item was placed in the evidence closet. The reporting party left a message with the owner.

Nov. 24 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 2411 Liberty St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The vehicle had a smashed rear passenger side window. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations assisted with the clean up of glass and the covering of the broken window.

Nov. 24 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., a reporting party hit the rear view mirror of a vehicle parked on Chew St. An officer reported that the mirror was popped out and should be able to pop it back in. The mirror was placed on the hood of the vehicle. The owner of the hit vehicle was unable to be identified.

Nov. 24 – Larceny/Theft – In the Center of the Arts, first floor, there was a report of theft of a laptop. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 24 – Disruptive Conduct –

On N. 22nd St., Allentown Police Department received a call for a noise violation. Allentown Police responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report was sent. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Nov. 26 – Found Property – At 2147 Chew St., there was a report of an orange cone belonging to Pennsylvania DOT found in a common area. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 26 – Found Property – In the Keck House parking lot, a parking cone belonging to LWC Services, Inc. was found on the hood of a vehicle. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 26 – Found Property – At 427 N. 23rd St., a package was found on the front porch. The owner of the package was unable to be identified. The package was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker.

Nov. 29 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Walson Hall, basement, there was a report of theft from a student's room. The reporting party was informed to call Residential Services. Investigation will continue.

Nov. 30 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, office area, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and the student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 1 – Sexual Assault – On campus, there was a Jane Doe report of an alleged sexual assault. A notice was sent to the campus community.

Dec. 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, a reporting party found a box with records inside. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Dec. 1 – Found Property – In Walz Hall, there was a report of a found case for a camera or a cell phone. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Dec. 1 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 2 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, second floor, there was a report of sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was

transported to the Health Center.

Dec. 2 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Dec. 3 – Injured Student – In East Hall, Block B, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a vandalized light. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 3 – Harassment by Communication – In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of harassment by communication via email.

Dec. 3 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – On N. 23rd St., Allentown Police Department was called for a noise complaint.

Dec. 4 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The individual refused further treatment.

Dec. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – On the back drive, there was a report of disorderly conduct. A student was found urinating in public. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 5 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of disorderly conduct at a non-College owned house. The Allentown Police Department also responded. A non-student suspect was identified. There was no further incident.

Dec. 5 – Plumbing Problem – On Liberty St., there was a report of a detector beeping due to an extensive water leak. An electrician, plumber, and Simplex personnel were notified to respond. The problem was corrected.

Dec. 5 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment. Students were issued letters of no contact. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 5 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Robertson Hall, there was a report of theft from a room. There are no suspects at this time.

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Dec. 5 – Unlawful Entry (Without Force) – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft from a student's room. There are no suspects in question at this time.

Dec. 6 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Multiple underage individuals were in the room. The bottles were disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 6 – Intoxicated Per-

son – On Liberty St., there was a report of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Two individuals were arrested by Allentown Police Department for public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 6 – Larceny/Theft – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there was a report of a theft of a jacket. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 6 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, there

was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. A student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 6 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 6 – Lost Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost wallet. It has not yet been recovered.

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the other direction? Do you automatically believe that you are better than them? If so, have you ever thought about the impact this could have on the dignity of that person? One committee member discussed the pain and humiliation she felt when she was yelled by a bunch of kids for merely sleeping on a bench. However, another committee member spoke about times when people are generous and have given her money, without her asking for it. "I call them guardian angels," she said. We were surprised to hear this because we thought that walking up to someone and giving them money would be degrading. However, it is the empathy that the stranger showed that can teach us all to try to end stereotypes. When we put ourselves in the shoes of the homeless and try to understand the various situations that led them to their current state, we will be one step closer to letting go of our stereotypes and make a real difference.

New ONE celebrity PSA campaign targets youth to take action

BY EMILY ANCONA
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As individuals, communities, and organizations across the globe get ready to mark World AIDS Day 2009, ONE is launching "Coming Together as ONE" a new PSA campaign designed to mobilize young people to get involved in the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease. The public service announcements, which debuts online today and will first appear on TV during the Dec. 2 episode of *Gossip Girl* on The CW, feature young stars from some of the hottest entertainment properties. The spots were created by filmmaker Jesse Dylan, who is known for a variety of films, music videos, and the Emmy Award-winning "Yes We Can" Barack Obama campaign video collaboration with will.i.am.

The PSAs feature actors and actresses Leighton Meester, Jessica Szohr and Ed Westwick from *Gossip Girl*; Ashley Greene, Kellan Lutz, Nikki Reed and Jackson Rathbone from *Twilight*; Hayden Panettiere from *Heroes*; Corbin Bleu from *High School Musical*; Tristan Wilds from *90210*; John Cho from *Star Trek* and Brandon T. Jackson from *Tropic Thunder*. The 60 second PSA is available online to watch and share.

"Coming Together as ONE" is a campaign to recruit more young people into the growing global movement to fight extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. ONE is asking youth to make their voices heard in the fight against extreme poverty, just as they did in the last presidential election, and as they have over the course of history. As the PSA makes clear, young people have been at the heart of all major social justice campaigns, whether for civil rights, women's rights or the fight against apartheid.

"In the last election, and over the course of history, young people have shown that when we get organized and committed, we are powerful. The fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease in poor countries needs our support, our energy and our commitment," said actress and ONE member Ashley Greene.

"Today's young people have already shown us they are powerful change-makers," said David Lane, President and CEO of ONE. "Coming Together as ONE aims to harness that power and build a buzz among Millennials. We know this generation can help defeat extreme poverty, put more kids in school and protect families from preventable disease such as AIDS, TB, and malaria."

Investments to fight extreme poverty and preventable disease in Africa have been delivering significant results in recent years. In 2002, only 50,000 people in Africa with HIV had access to life-saving AIDS medication, less than one percent of those in need. Today, thanks to targeted aid and African leadership, more than three million Africans with HIV have access to medication, 44 percent of those in need. Critical progress has also been made on malaria and education. In less than two years, thanks to expanded distribution of bednets and malaria medication, malaria deaths in Africa have been cut in half in countries like Ethiopia, Rwanda, and Zambia. Between 1999 and 2006, 34 million additional children in Africa were enrolled in school for the first time.

The PSA campaign will also serve as a vehicle to promote to the ONE Cam-

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chances?

It takes planning, hard work, and the dedication to go that extra mile.

Here are a few suggestions that studies have proven to be effective, and some that recent grads either found helpful or wish they would have done.

Tailor Classes to Your Benefit. Don't just take classes for the sake of filling up your schedule. Take classes that genuinely interest you. Keep your career goals in mind and make sure your coursework is preparing you for your future plans. At the conclusion of every class you should feel a little more confident in yourself and your abilities. Not only should you be confident with aspects of your field of choice, but you should also be confident in your ability to learn. With the constantly changing job market, versatility is an invaluable trait.

Consult the Career Center Early. Every college has one, and they are there for a reason. Career Centers offer a multitude of free services that many students don't take advantage of. From helping you craft your resume to improving your interview skills to assisting in finding the right career path for you, Career Center guidance is a great resource. Studies have shown that students who find employment after graduation had more contact with their Career Centers.

Take on Internships. This is a great way to gain real work experience, learn the ins and outs of different industries,

and help discover what jobs are right for you. Most importantly, they help you get a foot in the door. Kristen '07 took on three undergraduate internships and says that they "ultimately helped in finding a first job." Internships can often be paid or done for credit. The experience they provide, however, that experience that all employers hope to find, is crucial to future success.

Attend Job Fairs. What better way to find out what jobs and internships are available than to have groups of employers come to you, all in one place, ready and willing to speak with you? If they are available to you, go. Talk to employers from industries of particular interest to you, and talk to those that may not be. You never know who you will meet or what they will have to offer that could potentially benefit you. This leads to the final and most important tip you should carry with you always...

Network, Network, Network! All of these suggestions include meeting people! "Internships are important, good grades are great, but networking is key," says Leslie, '09. If you take a class that interests you, chances are your professor is involved in an industry or knows people in an industry that interests you as well. You will have internship supervisors who could become excellent references for future opportunities. You will encounter potential employers you can impress with the knowledge, skills, and confidence you have gained from a combination of these experiences.



Corbin Bleu, John Cho, Leighton Meester, Hayden Panettiere, Jessica Szohr, and Ed Westwick.

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pus Challenge (OCC) a nationwide competition to encourage students to organize and mobilize as powerful voices in the campaign against global poverty. Students have been effective advocates for ONE, holding rallies and educational roundtables on their campuses, and during the 2008 presidential campaign, showing up at town halls and campaign stops for all of the major candidates to get them "on the record" with ONE about their plans for fighting poverty. Altogether, students from more than 2,500 schools across the country have taken more than 270,000 actions to fight poverty since the inception of the ONE Campus Challenge in Aug. 2007.

"Some people might say young people don't care about the world beyond our classroom, our family, our friends – but I don't believe that's true. In an increasingly global world, we have to look beyond ourselves. By raising our voices together, we can and will make a difference in the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease," said Corbin Bleu, actor and ONE member. Says Jesse Dylan, director of FreeForm, "I think young people understand the issues facing our global community. Their ideas and actions can bring about change."

As the PSA advocates, "Over the course of history, young people like us have made a difference." The time is now to take action, spread the word, and get involved in the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease.

ONE is a global advocacy and campaigning organization backed by more than two million people from around the world dedicated to the fight against extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa. Co-founded by Bono and other campaigners, ONE works closely with policy experts, African leaders, and anti-poverty activists to mobilize public opinion in support of tested and proven methods for tackling poverty and disease.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about."
- Oscar Wilde

Taking Back Sunday rocks Croc Rock

BY NICHOLAS LAFALCE
LIFE WRITER

With a night built on music performed by the bands Anberlin, The Format, and its spin-off Fun, this lineup seemed to be a dream come true for many Allentown teenage rockers. But the reason I was there was the opening act and outlier of the night, Gavin Castleton.

Joined by the guitar players of the band Taking Back Sunday, the Portland songwriter and his band were given a twenty minute set and a sound-check that was half-assed at best. But despite everything that was going against the group, they played incredibly well and received a surprisingly good reaction from the audience. Currently drawing off influences such as Jeff Buckley, Michael Jackson, Prince, Frank Zappa, Radiohead, and formerly a part of New England progressive/rock/jazz/hip-hop outfit Gruvis Malt, Castleton has been making music as far away from the likes of his headliners for over a decade. So how did he get on this tour?

I was lucky enough to get an interview with Gavin after the show conducted in a Chrysler van from at least 1980. This van held all three band members, their manager and all of their equipment and food, a near physical impossibility. Here are a few things we talked about:

Nick: So how did you guys get on this tour with Taking Back Sunday and get them to play your songs?

Gavin: Right before we left, we were still booking the second half [of the tour] as a trio when my old friend Matt from TBS asked if we would open up some shows for them. We had to reroute the whole second half of the tour and we had to cancel all these shows, but obviously we took it. As for [them playing guitar] I was asked to open the tour with that as part of the stipulation. It was like, "Do you want to open a tour for us AND can we play guitar with you?"

N: Your music is comprised of such complex arrangements. Touring as a trio, does this give you more freedom or does it constrict your live performance?

G: Three is the magic number of chemistry - it's perfect. With a trio you can stretch sections and be more spontaneous. I think as soon as you add a fourth you're taking away, in a way. That being said I enjoy big instrumentation so it takes a lot of work to arrange my songs from home for 12-14 instruments. To have that is near impossible. Picking the right songs and arranging them correctly is what's important.

N: So what's next?

G: I now have live versions of songs that would be B-sides. I have an EP named *Orphans* - eight random songs that have amassed over the past two years that don't have a home. It's an irrelevant collection of random singles, which will probably be people's favorites because you don't have to think about them. But to me it's kind of like excrement; it's like "Here's some songs with nothing to them." Also, I want to make a free record for children for Christmas along with a collaboration album with all my friends that sing in bands. I like the trio so we're going to try and get back on the road after learning from this tour.

N: So what have you learned?

G: I've toured the crappy club market all my life. This tour is a learning experience. It's interesting seeing bands that are not my normal type of music like TBS. I'm gaining so much respect for them because the way they can rule a crowd and control a situation, which is a skill I am still working on. Music doesn't necessarily speak for itself if you don't also have a good stage presence. I'm thinking of conducting an experiment where I dress in tight pants and talk a little more effeminate on stage and see if I get a different response.

Who knows? Maybe he would.

Tim Reynolds comes to the Triumph Brewing Company

BY NICHOLAS LAFALCE
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Known mostly for his appearances with the Dave Matthews Band, Tim Reynolds proved on November 11th that he can hold his own without Dave and company. Playing in a small club in New Hope, New Jersey, the guitar wizard and his band, TR3, showed the room of only 175 people an intimate set of variety and fun.

While I knew Tim Reynolds for his time with the band DMB and his solo acoustic work, I was pretty unfamiliar with the Tim Reynolds Trio (TR3). Joined with a bass player and a drummer, Reynolds played many songs of many styles - soft, loud, instrumentals,

blues, heavy rock, danceable, and ambient, there were no limits. Many songs obviously featured Reynolds' virtuosic guitar work and his ability to manipulate sound which happened to be my favorite parts of the night. But in addition to these, there were also simpler upbeat songs where Reynolds took the microphone.

One of the highlights of the night included their rendition of James Brown's "Sex Machine." This was one of many points in the night where the crowd was able to see Reynolds' goofy personality with this fun carefree jam, complete with crazy hats and a dancing Elmo. My two personal favorite original songs of theirs were both from their newest album *Radiance*: a slow

blues called "Test of Time" and "Sweet Spot" an upbeat shuffle.

The trio ended the night with a version of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love," hinting at parts of "Kashmir" in the middle. The band played around 20 songs for two hours, leaving everybody in the room breathless and with smiles on their faces. Reynolds and the rest of TR3 showed the audience that they are three tremendous musicians who go on stage every night and have a good time.

I strongly recommend that fans of the Dave Matthews Band and solo guitar players, such as Stevie Ray Vaughn and Eric Johnson, see this show.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Dec. 10

- 1) InAcchord's Concert in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 6:00 pm-7:15 pm
- 2) Viewing of the movie *Elf* in the Red Door from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm
- 3) Delta Zeta hosts nutrition expert in Seegers room 112 from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

Fri. Dec. 11

- 1) Chanukah candle lighting party at Hillel starting at 4:00 pm
- 2) Exposed Terrain art exhibition in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00 pm
- 3) Shabbat services at Hillel from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

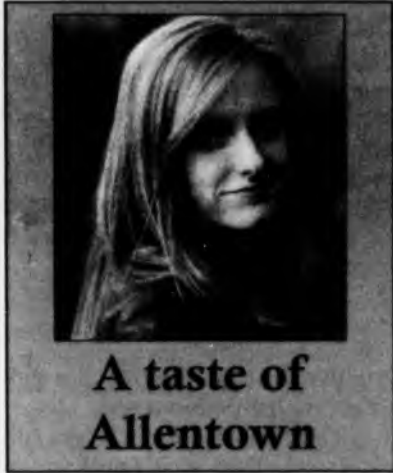
Sat. Dec. 12

- 1) Candlelight carols in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
- 2) Exposed Terrain art exhibition in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8:00 pm

Sun. Dec. 13

- 1) Mac & Cheese study break and viewing of the movie *Hangover* in the Red Door from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm
- 2) Candlelight carols in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 3:30 pm-5:00 pm and 7:30 pm-9:00 pm
- 3) Chapel worship services in the Egner Memorial Chapel from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Taqueria Los Amigos, por favor



BY ALEX WELLS
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Searching for a cheap and easy sit-down meal while simultaneously pushing your cultural boundaries? Look no further than Taqueria Los Amigos! This small, quaint Mexican restaurant is definitely a friend of the hungry. This restaurant is located at 515 North 7th Street and is one of many shops and businesses of the area that are owned by immigrant families. I was introduced to this restaurant with my roommate, Melissa Goldenberg, and her Freshman Year Seminar, "Cuisine As Culture," taught by Dr. Erika Sutherland. We went on another dinner excursion into Allentown to find authentic Hispanic cuisine. Taqueria Los Amigos is the restaurant we were supposed to go to when we went to Sweet Italian Pizza, so we finally got the Taco Tuesday we had been waiting for. If you're the type of person that is up for tacos

on a Tuesday night that only cost 99 cents a piece, then I urge you to keep reading.

The atmosphere is homey and comfortable, with bright, inviting orange walls and Mexican decorations. Adorable kids strolled in and out with their parents, grabbing dinner, and local Allentown dwellers sat down for dinner after work, as classic Mexican hits like "La Bamba" were playing in the background.

The first thing I noticed was that, just like the Mexican menu at Sweet Italian Pizza, this menu is completely in Spanish and is rather small. Everything offered is posted up on a board behind the counter, with a list of different meals you can order, as well as a list of the types of tacos that are available. The tacos are all the same format but with different choices of meat, which are as follows: lengua (cow tongue), adobada (spiced beef), carnitas (spiced pork), pollo (chicken), bistec (steak), and tripas (tripe). Some of the other meals that are offered are quesadillas, sopes, and flautas. Melissa and I ordered our food together so we could share. We decided on an adobada sopes meal and pollo tacos to split; Melissa ordered herself adobada tacos and I decided to be brave, and ordered tripas tacos.

After placing our orders, the class and I were seated at a long table that waited for us in the restaurant's seating area. We were given "agua de jamaica," which is an authentic Mexican fruit juice made of hibiscus flower and tastes a lot like flavored iced tea. It does a wonderful job of cooling your mouth down after eating lots of spicy food! We were given freshly made chips to snack on while we waited, which were amazing! The table had different types of salsa that we could try with the chips, as well as our meals. The green salsa, which is known as salsa verde, tastes similar to the salsa you could find at a local grocery store but better and spicier. If you're looking for a flavor you are used to when you think of salsa, go with the salsa verde. Salsa roja, which is the red salsa, has a smokier taste, and is great with beef or other strong-flavored meat. There were also other tabasco sauces offered at the table, but the two salsas were the best choices by far.

Now for the tacos! As I said, Taco Tuesday offers tacos for 99 cents each, as they're \$1.50 on any other day, so it's a great deal! The tacos are served flat on two soft

tortillas, and you hold them like a regular taco when you eat them—there are no special tricks to eating here just because the food is in a different language! They taste a lot like the tacos from Sweet Italian Pizza with the cilantro and the onion, and you can add your choice of salsa. However, more importantly, these tacos are cheaper than those at Sweet Italian Pizza, especially on Tuesdays; so for those of you wanting to save some money, this place is perfect. The tacos truly are delicious; you honestly can't go wrong at all. For the daring, I highly suggest the tripe tacos. I loved them, and they taste great with both the red and green salsa. The chicken tacos are great and exactly what you'd expect from an authentic chicken taco. I recommend eating them with the green salsa. The adobada tacos are definitely different from chicken tacos because of the different meat, but are good as well. I liked them with both the green and red salsa, but I liked the red more than the green because the adobada consists of more flavorful beef that's perfect with the smoky-flavored red salsa.

Why Taco Tuesday?

We got the chance to ask the restaurant owners any questions we had about their business, so we asked them why they chose Tuesdays for their bargain tacos. They said that they chose Tuesdays for a number of reasons: it gets the word out about the restaurant, it's favorable for the economy, and Tuesday was an ideal day to pick up the speed of their business. Sunday is their busiest day, and Monday is usually a slower

day when they get to rest from the day before. Tuesday was originally a slow day, but they decided to pick it up with the 99 cent tacos.

Onto the rest of the menu that's not 99 cents! Each item on this side of the menu is a different style of preparation. The key here is that you pick a style of meal out of the list on the right side of the menu, and then you choose your meat to go in it. Sopes, which is what Melissa and I ordered, are soft, thicker tortillas laid flat, with the meat of your choice and toppings of lettuce, cheese, and a Mexican sour cream. We

ordered the adobada sopes, which were very good; I scraped off a lot of the toppings because it was too heavy for me and a bit difficult to eat, and I added the salsa roja, which I definitely recommend. The sopes are made with beans in them, and I'm not a beans person, so the texture wasn't totally my thing. But if you're a beans person, get the sopes! You'll love them. I would have also liked to try the pollo sopes, but I'll just have to save that for my next visit. Flautas are fried, handmade tortillas that are rolled in a way that looks just like spring rolls but are bigger. Inside the rolled tortillas are beans and a meat of your choice, and have the same toppings as the sopes.

We had the opportunity to ask the owners more questions after our meal. One student asked what they believed was the difference between authentic Mexican food and the fake American-Mexican, cheese-smothered, badly cooked, "Mexican" food. The owners agreed that real Mexican food is spicy and is NOT Taco Bell. Taqueria Los Amigos is a family business, as the two owners are brothers. Many clients of the store are not Mexican, and they order mostly beef and chicken. Their Mexican customers order mostly tripe and carnitas (which more common meats in Mexico). The meat that is on the menu is chosen based on what is popular in Mexico. Angelica, who is the wife of Jose (one of the owners) picks the meat based on what is most authentic to Mexico.

The prices here are unbeatable; everything is around \$5 or less! The owners are wonderfully nice people, and they encouraged all of us to come back with friends. Forget GQ. Get away from the Garden Room. Go out on a Tuesday night and find yourself the perfect piece of Mexico right here in Allentown. I promise you won't regret it.

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El Machu Picchu: a piece of Peru

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE WRITER

Thinking of visiting Bethlehem any time soon? You

should consider going to El Machu Picchu Peruvian Restaurant, located at 1328 East 4th Street! Once again, I found this restaurant with my roommate Melissa's Freshman Year Seminar, "Cuisine As Culture," taught by Dr. Erika Sutherland.

On a Saturday a couple of weeks ago, the class and I took the Muhlenberg shuttle to the Machu Picchu Restaurant for a buffet-style feast made for our class. Dr. Sutherland has connections to the restaurant, so needless to say we would be seriously hooked up with the great food in store for us.

The restaurant is in a rather shady area, the street it is on resembles Allentown, but this part is a bit less commercialized than the parts of Allentown we had gone to for previous outings.

Inside, however, it's very nice! The seating area is the biggest of all of the hispanic restaurants I have been to with the class.

Many of the customers there were frequent eaters at the restaurant, and were seated at small tables at the front of the room. The class was seated at a long table, which had been set up for us, next to a buffet of Peruvian food!

We all sat down, and were first presented with Chicha Morada, which is a sweet, purple drink made of maíz morado, which is purple corn. According to Dr. Sutherland, this drink was originally made by the Incas, and is favorite among people who live in the Andes Mountains of Peru and Bolivia. The drink looks just like grape juice, but actually tastes sweeter. Personally, I could tell that it was made from corn because it has a slightly grainy texture to it. It wasn't my favorite, though others liked it.

We were next presented with two appetizer dishes: Causa and Papa a la Huancaína. Causa is a very popular dish of Peru. It is a cheap and easy meal to make, allowing nearly any social class to enjoy it, and has room for mistakes to be made while still tasting great—there are many variations of this dish to be

found. The causa we ate is individual mashed potato pies, served cold, seasoned with aji amarillo, which is a yellow spicy tuna, and can be filled with tuna, crab, or chicken. I really liked this dish, and I'm not big on mashed potatoes because I don't like the texture. But I would definitely recommend this because the taste is worth it!

I didn't try the Papa a la Huancaína, but Melissa did and she really liked it, and so did many other students in the class. This dish is a traditional appetizer from the city Huancayo, Peru, hence its name. It is made of boiled potatoes with a sauce known as queso fresco, or farmer's cheese, milk, and the aji amarillo from the causa. Dr. Sutherland has recipes for both of these dishes, so if anyone is interested definitely let her know and I'm sure she'll be more than happy to pass them onto you!

The buffet was next, as we had the opportunity to try four Peruvian entrees. A key theme of Peruvian food is that there is always a contrast of flavor. Ceviche

New Moon fever keeps rising

By RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

With fans from all over the world going crazy over *The Twilight Saga: New Moon*, it has rapidly become a must see film that people demand you should see again and again.

With somewhat corny teenage dialogue, this movie tries to be witty and adhere to a little bit of a different audience. After introducing the werewolves, the creators had hoped to bring in more of a male audience.

Massive groups of people lined up Thurs. Nov. 19 for the midnight movie premiere of *New Moon*. In the US and Canada alone midnight screenings grossed 26.3 million dollars outselling both *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* (22.2 million dollars) and *The Dark Knight* (18.5 million dollars). With the third installment *Eclipse* already wrapped up and the promotional poster up in some theaters, Summit Entertainment keeps the films rolling to keep the hype up and running.

If you ask anyone who is in love with the *Twilight* saga he or she will tell you which "team" he or she prefers. Whether the fans support the brooding, sparkling, heartthrob (Team Edward) or the hot (literally!) muscled and furry wolf (Team Jacob), all will say that there is no question that this film is for Team Jacob fans because Edward doesn't play such a big role

in it.

After Bella recovers from the vampire attack that almost claimed her life in *Twilight*, she looks to celebrate her birthday with Edward and his family. However, a minor accident during the festivities results in Bella's blood being shed and in the Cullens decision to leave town of Forks, Washington, where the story is set. Initially heartbroken, Bella finds comfort in living recklessly and in a close friendship with Jacob Black.

Taylor Lautner really stepped up his game for this movie. He was shirtless for most of the movie after having packed on 30 extra pounds of muscle for the role, and viewers got to see more of Taylor as an actor. Not only did he steal the spotlight, but I even found myself (as a die hard Team Edward supporter) switching sides and routing for the other team for the duration of the film.

A surprisingly good job was done by Dakota Fanning, along with Michael Sheen (who formally played Lucien in the *Underworld* movies) and Tony Blair in *The Queen* who was not only amusing as the role of Aro, the head of the Volturi vampires, but also captured the role with such charisma it was exactly how I pictured the character when I was reading the novel.

Overall, I highly recommend this film. The acting was a much needed improvement from the last film, and it's a great continuation of the saga.

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is the most popular dish in all of Peru. This entree is raw fish or shellfish that is diced into cubes and marinated in lime juice, combined with ajies, which are hot peppers, raw onions, cajote, which is sweet potato, and choclo, which is corn. The interesting part about this dish is the the combination of flavors: the fish is prepared in a Japanese style, the peppers are hot and significant to South America, and the Spanish limes and onions add even more flavor. I really liked this entree; I'm a big seafood eater, so that may be why I was partial to it.

The second entree was the arroz chaufa, which is basically the Peruvian version of Chinese fried rice. Sound confusing? Don't ask, just eat it. Seriously, it's SO good. It's literally fried

rice, just from Peru. The rice is fried with egg, vegetables, soy-sauce, and generally some form of meat or fish. In restaurants, this rice is usually served as a side, but in individual homes it can be eaten as a main course. We were served the rice both with and without fish in it, and I loved both of them. I liked the rice with the fish in it better because it tasted the most like Chinese food.

Another entree we ate was tallarines verdes, which is more or less green spaghetti. The spaghetti is tossed in a sauce that turns green due to the spinach that is cooked in it. The recipe, which Dr. Sutherland also has, calls for onions, spinach, parmesan cheese, and peeled walnuts. I'm not sure if there were walnuts in the tallarines verdes that we ate at the restaurant, because I have a

tree nut allergy, but I unknowingly ate the spaghetti dish and lived...maybe I just grew out of my allergy? Anyway, the spaghetti tastes a lot like spaghetti in a pesto sauce.

My favorite entree was the jalea, which is a medley of fried seafood served with onions, ajies, seasoning, and lime juice, which cuts the fat so the oil of the fried food so it tastes less heavy. I loved this dish because it's purely fried seafood, you really can't go wrong!

Overall with the Peruvian food, I found a sense of familiarity combined with a cultural edge.

The contrasts in flavor add to the experience, and I left extremely full and satisfied. I definitely recommend this restaurant to anyone who is venturing over to the Bethlehem area!

AMC Weekend Listings



The Twilight Saga: New Moon

Fri. 4:05, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:05, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:10, 4:05, 7:10

Disney's A Christmas Carol

Fri. 4:20, 6:45, 9:20
Sat. 4:20, 6:45, 9:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:20, 6:45

Invictus

Fri. 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
Sat. 4:10, 7:20, 10:20
Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:20

The Princess and the Frog

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:00

The Blind Side

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:30

Old Dogs

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:10
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Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 8:00



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Saturday against Washington. During the second half, Muhlenberg was dominant. They went on a 15-2 run, during which Senior Center Peter Barnes scored five points in three seconds. Barnes was fouled in the paint, and was still able to sink the shot. On the free-throw attempt, he missed the shot, but snatched the offensive rebound. He then shot and made another layup while drawing another foul. He sank the ensuing free throw.

Throughout the game, the Mules displayed considerable range, shooting 64.3 percent from behind the arc. They were accurate throughout the field with 53.1 percent to the Shoremen's 37.7 percent.

The Mules have been particularly strong at the post – mainly thanks to Liddic and Barnes. "Both of our post players are off to great starts even though they get every second of attention from opposing coaches and defenses," Coach McClary said. "They are averaging a double-double, not an easy task."

The Mules have three more games before break. The next game, Wed., Dec. 9, is at home against Dickinson (0-2, 0-5). Saturday, they will take on Moravian again, but this time on Moravian's court.

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Junior Kelly McKeon had another outstanding game scoring a game high 18 points and adding nine rebounds, seven assists, and three steals. McKeon spurred a 9-0 run that gave Muhlenberg a big lead in the beginning of the game 13-4 and the Mules never trailed again.

Junior Sheila Cook finished with 16 points, and Chili scored 14, all in the first half. She was 4-for-6 from three-point range to help the Mules build their big lead but did not take a shot in the second half due to her foul troubles.

According to Sports Information Director Mike Falk, "the 13-point margin of victory was the greatest for the Mules against Moravian since 1979."

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Dec. 2

Mules	66
Swarthmore	53

Dec. 5

Washington (Md.)	67
Mules	85

Women's Basketball

Nov. 20

Pitt-Bradford	50
Mules	93

Nov. 21

Scracton	62
Mules	42

Nov. 24

Mules	70
McDaniel	64

Dec. 1

Mules	76
Dickinson	69

Dec. 5

Washington (Md.)	65
Mules	83

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Mules	84
Moravian	71

Weekend Weather

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

 Partly
Cloudy


HIGH: 29

LOW: 20

 Partly
Cloudy


HIGH: 33

LOW: 29

 Rain &
Snow


HIGH: 36

LOW: 23

A look inside Scotty Wood



Clockwise from top: Senior Brian Frankoski lays up a shot for the Mules; Senior Guard Maiza Mock drives to the basket in the Lady Mules' first game of the Scotty Wood; Senior Guard Kaitlyn O'Malley has led the Mules well in the first half of the season; Freshman Rob Borish uses his left in an attempt to get past a defender.

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Basketball Mules honored as "Unsung Heros"

BY COURTNEY N. BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Muhlenberg Seniors, Obi Nwizugbo and Kaitlyn O'Malley, were named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball "Unsung Hero" Team at a luncheon at Starter's Pub in Bethlehem. This is seen as an opportunity to recognize players who may not always be racking up statistics, but still make great contributions to their teams.

Kaitlyn O'Malley, Senior Guard, had returned to the women's starting line up. Last year, O'Malley agreed to move to the bench, after starting in the first four games of the season. O'Malley, although no longer in the starting five, still made great strides towards helping her team in the most successful history of women's hoops at the College. In fact, her three-pointer against Bowdoin, in 2008, helped the Mules secure their place in the NCAA tournament.

This year as a senior on the team, O'Malley had transitioned back to the starting line up, and is also a team captain. Head coach Ron Rohn has said, "Kaitlyn shows tremendous poise and dignity with everything she does. She's the kind of person you root for everyday in practice and in games."

About her title as an Unsung Hero, Rohn said, "Kaitlyn is here not just for everything she does for the team, but also as a representative of the senior class. Our four seniors had to accept supporting roles, with younger players getting more minutes and stats, and that's not an easy role to be in."



"Unsung Heros" Seniors Kaitlyn O'Malley (left) and Obi Nwizugbo (right) have played pivotal roles for the Mules this season.

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The seniors look at this as their team, and their goal is to be the greatest team in Muhlenberg history."

Currently, O'Malley is averaging 5.8 points and 2.2 rebounds per game for the College. D3hoops.com has ranked the women's team 14 in the Centennial Conference, not taking into consideration their victory against Moravian they had on Monday night.

Obi Nwizugbo, making a similar move to O'Malley, is not starting for the Mules this season, after having done so for this season's first four games.

Head coach Scott McClary said, "As a team we got off to a slow start, and I approached Obi and said we're going to make a change, and as a senior, I need you to handle it. It's a difficult thing to do, but he's been our best player in the two games since the change. His attitude and energy are big reasons why we are 2-0 in the conference right now."

This season, Nwizugbo is averaging 8.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, and is shooting a career-best 44.7 percent from the field. Since the switch, Nwizugbo has scored 11 points in back-to-back games in his position as power forward, helping to perfect the Mules' start of their season.

Check out this week's sports section for the Men's and Women's past scores and future schedule. Congratulations, again, to Kaitlyn O'Malley and Obi Nwizugbo!



Men's Basketball falters early, but remains perfect in-Conference

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Sat., Dec. 5, the Mules (3-3, 2-0) defeated the Washington College Shoremen (2-4, 0-2) 85-67. Muhlenberg dominated the boards, out-rebounding Washington College 43 to 26. Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic contributed with 11 rebounds, including 2 offensive rebounds, to go with 10 points (his third double-double of the season). Senior Forward Ryan Foster led the team with 14 points and went 3-5 from long range. Senior Forward Obi Nwizugbo led the bench with 11 points and 5 rebounds.

The Mules had a slow start to the season, losing the first game to Oneonta State (4-1, 1-1), but won the consolation game, 66-52, against rival Moravian (1-6, 0-1). The win against the Moravian Greyhounds held special significance because it was Scott McClary's first win as head coach and was revenge for the Mules' loss to the Greyhounds in the final of the Greyhound Starters Classic last season. But, Muhlenberg lost its next two games at home against New Jersey (4-4, 0-2) and at King's College (2-5, 1-1).

"Being that the coaching staff and style of play are new," Coach McClary said, "it is no surprise that we are still learning our way through things early on. I am very proud of how our guys have handled adversity so far. Dealing with high expectations and lower results wasn't easy, but the guys came in and worked harder, listened better and were willing to do what it takes to improve, and we did."

McClary adjusted by moving two Seniors, Guard Brian Frankoski and Forward Obi Nwizugbo, to the bench. "This was not easy and I am proud of how they handled it," McClary said. "They both played excellent games in the two since the move and they were a huge reason for our small win streak." Since the move, both players have been assets off the bench, each averaging over ten points a game. The team has also benefited, winning an in-conference game at Swarthmore (1-5, 1-1) 66-53, as well as the game

Lady Mules blow past Washington and Moravian

BY ALYSSA SCAGLIONE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The College's women's basketball team had an exciting game against Washington on Saturday. Playing their first home game in 14 days, the Mules captured a decisive victory against the shorewomen 83-65. This was Muhlenberg's 25th straight win against a Centennial Conference team.

The Mules played tremendous defense and held a team that is leading the Centennial Conference in three point shooting to just 3 for 14 from three point land. Overall, Muhlenberg kept Washington to a 32.3 shooting percentage.

Sophomore Alexandra Chili led Muhlenberg scorers with 19 points. Junior Kelly McKeon added 14 points, had 10 rebounds and four assists for the 13th double-double of her career.

A lot of help came from the Mules bench. Three players, Junior Alexandra Berlin, freshman Kate Clawson, and Freshman Julie Kelly played for a combined 36 minutes and in that time were able to score collectively 22 points. Washington, who only played six players for most of the game could not keep up with the energetic and fresh players coming off the Mules bench.

Sophomore Kim Mui played big this game, literally. Mui who is a 5'8" guard had as many blocked shots during the game as Washington's 6-2 center.

On Mon., Dec. 7, the Mules took on nearby rival Moravian. Never surrendering the lead, the Mules secured an 84-71 win. Four Muhlenberg players scored in double digits including Freshman Kate Clawson who had 13 points and went 3 for 4 from behind the arc.

This game was closely competitive since Muhlenberg and Moravian have similar records; 5-1 and 5-2 respectively. They are also ranked in the top 25 according to a D3hoops.com poll. Muhlenberg was ranked 16th and Moravian was ranked 23rd.

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Reality MC a success!

By MATTHEW PEARSON
News Editor

77 seniors
voluntarily
traded three

days of their final winter vacation to come back to the College to attend classes. Normally this would not be the action of a typical senior who would, presumably, want to be enjoying their vacation instead. The reason for this change in attitude is Reality MC. The program, which increased from 54 to 77 participants, is designed to provide helpful information to seniors about their transition into the post-graduation world over a three day period.

A major component to this year's Reality MC program was StrengthsQuest. According to the StrengthsQuest website, this new resource is "designed to develop strengths by building on their greatest talents - the way in which they most naturally think, feel, and behave as unique individuals." StrengthsQuest had been tested out by the College over the academic year through a pre-orientation group, sports teams, the Student Government Association, and Residential Advisors.

"The StrengthsQuest program isn't about what you are good at," summarized Julie Ambrose, Director of the Senior Year Experience. "It's about finding your natural strengths and learning how to use them to your advantage." Other new programs included in Reality MC included *Golf 101* and

TMI: Maintaining a Professional Web Presence and Maximizing eNetworking.

Beyond StrengthsQuest, several returning programs managed to entertain and educate the senior participants. Among the usual favorites were *Getting Your First Apartment* and *Love Your Money*. Several participants attribute the success of these programs to their main presenter, Jennifer Besse. "She was really funny," commented Sara Beitman '10, "and her powerpoints were really helpful."

The highlight of the weekend revolved around the Saturday night alumni cocktail reception. The event, which took place at the Allentown Art Museum, allowed the seniors to show off their new skills to celebrated alumni. "The alumni were all very impressed," Ambrose admits proudly. "It was a truly phenomenal response." Leading up to the reception, seniors attended a speed networking session and a lecture on public speaking.

"I feel really prepared for more than just getting a job," admits Angela Lucci '10. "I'm ready to not just live on my own, but really succeed on my own."

The weekend may be over, but Reality MC continues into the spring semester with follow up programs on StrengthsQuest and other programs. Be on the lookout for more. Fueled by two years of success, a third Reality MC is already in the works for 2011.



Seniors having fun while participating in Reality MC 2010.

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Muhlenberg on lockdown

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA & JANA ELFENBEIN
MANAGING EDITOR & NEWS WRITER

On Tues.,
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lice reported a break in at 2235 Liberty St., although not a College property, it is located very near to the College and student housing. Two armed suspects, both Hispanic males, reportedly broke into the house while its owner was home, bound the man, and stole computer equipment and guns before escaping. The police were called roughly within five minutes of the break in, at which point the Department of Campus Safety was notified.

Students were notified through the College's Emergency Text Messaging System in addition to messages sent out through the email. Campus Safety placed a lockdown on numerous buildings on campus, both as a safety precaution and to aid in the search for the suspects. After searching campus and the surrounding area along with the Allentown Safety and no suspects were found, students were sent the all clear and the lockdown was lifted. Campus police continued to scope out the area, escorting students and patrolling the campus.

Thankfully, no students or nearby residents were harmed. Head of Campus Safety Tom Dougherty expanded on the night's events, saying that Campus Safety successfully handled the necessary security. This was the first time that the Emergency Text Messaging System has been used other than their semi-annual tests, and it informed students as new developments occurred. Since the break-in, talk of the lockdown has been frequently heard on cam-

pus.

Senior, Elana Zygmán, was in Stooges when she received the Campus Safety text message about the current situation on campus. She states, "I was actually initially pretty calm about it, but a lot of people around me were very freaked out. People were supposed to be coming to Stooges, but didn't end up showing because they were too scared to walk. For the most part was I knew that the area we were in was the safest because there were so many police around us at that time." Zygmán actually heard about the break-in before she received the text message because she passed the scene of the incident on her walk to Stooges. She commented that she asked a worker at Woody's what all of the commotion was about after witnessing tons of policemen and cars surrounding that particular house. Since then, Elana and her housemates have been more vigilant and keen to safety precautions they must follow to prevent a break-in at their house. She concludes, "we are so overly acute to everything now."

Adam Lieberman, '10 was in his room in South when he received the Campus Safety text message. He comments, "My first reaction was complete shock. I was definitely nervous about the situation and the possibility of the men who stole the guns coming onto campus. Also, I was worried because I know students who live near the house that was robbed. Many students pass that area as they walk to and from campus, which could potentially be very dangerous from now on."

Jen Verola, '12 signed up to receive the Campus Safety

alert text message; however, she never received it. She was quite alarmed when she read the e-mail about the incident, she states, "I was very scared. My friends and I immediately locked our windows, shut our doors, and all hung out in one room together. I was surprised to hear that some people disregarded the message and went to General Quarters as if nothing had happened." She is still nervous from everything that occurred, especially since it was so close to campus; yet, she felt better when she found out it was an off-campus house and not involving students from the college.

Mark Cassera, '11 who is not signed up for the Campus Safety text message had his friend tell him about the incident before he checked his e-mail. He immediately locked the door to his house and remained indoors. "I was very worried for my fellow student's safety. My housemates and I now lock the door every time we leave our house."

In light of these events, students should take steps to protect themselves and their belongings. Locking doors and windows, even while you are at home, is a simple way to exercise a little extra precaution. Tom Dougherty encouraged students to keep their eyes peeled for any suspicious activity, and to be sure to inform Campus Safety. "It is important for students... to be aware of what's going on," Dougherty said. When it comes to staying alert and being informed, he continued, "we can help them as much as they can help us." Making sure to register for the Campus Emergency Text Message System, which is free for students, is one way to stay informed.

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Back to the caring college

...And we're back! Back to 'Berg, back to "the bubble," and back to 860,932,840,923 pages of reading for one class in one night; okay maybe not that much but it sure feels like it. Anyway, it's the second week of classes and the semester is officially in full swing. But even though we're back inside the comfort of our "bubble" we must not forget about the outside world. It's easy to get caught up in your 86 trillion pages of reading or five Facebook event invitations per day for club meetings, Maingate night, and your best friend's twenty-first birthday celebration at Stooges. Coming off of a month of being home where our news exposure is more than just CNN on the television in Seegers, we shouldn't let recent world events slip our minds.

By staying attuned to world events we can be inspired by past leaders, like former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, who are teaming up to provide relief to disaster-stricken Haiti, and use that inspiration to run successful awareness events on our own campus. We can aspire to create change on our campus by looking to the actions taken by leaders and celebrities in the real world. There are many clubs on campus that are already gearing up for their service and awareness projects for the semester.

Just to name a few, Colleges Against Cancer is running their annual "Carnations for a Cure" flower sale right before Valentine's Day to raise funds for cancer awareness, Phi Mu is already in the middle of a raffle to win a trip to Puerto Rico and the proceeds go to benefit the Children's Miracle Network, and Active Minds and G.I.R.L.S. are teaming up to create a display for National Eating Disorders Awareness Week at the end of February. The College will also be hosting the annual V-Day Campaign the week following Valentine's Day, a national campaign to stop violence against women.

By actively participating in and supporting these events, we can continue our contributions to the world outside our dorm room walls. Donate a dollar, help out our community, or write an Op/Ed about your support for a certain cause. As busy college students, remember that just donating your time can be the most valuable of all.

Letter to the Editor

To The Muhlenberg Weekly:

The health and safety of our students is the primary concern at Muhlenberg College Health Services and we take this concern very seriously. The recent Muhlenberg Weekly editorial "The doctor is in?" does accurately note that physicians are available in Health Services two hours daily Monday through Friday. Although this is true, there are other services provided by the Health Center which complement and supplement the evaluation and care provided during physician hours. As educated consumers of health care, students should be aware of these services and utilize the Health Center in a means that best suits each student's individual needs.

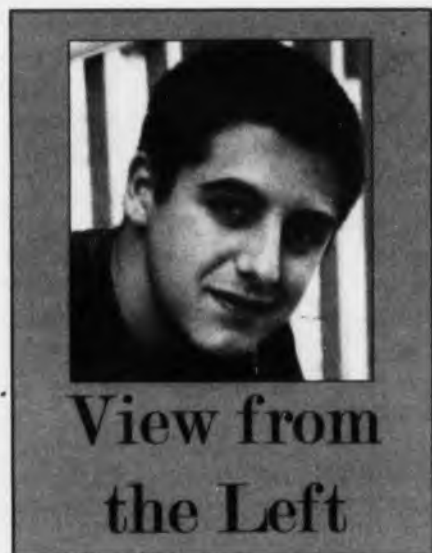
Did you know that students can visit Health Services throughout the day to be evaluated and treated by our nurses? Muhlenberg College Student Health Services is staffed with highly skilled and compassionate nurses who have years of experience in college health centers, hospitals (including emergency rooms), and primary care settings. Working under established protocols, our nurses are able to evaluate and treat many student health issues. And did you know that the Director of Health Services is a Nurse Practitioner? As a Nurse Practitioner, she is able to order diagnostic tests (including lab work and X-rays) and prescribe medications (including antibiotics). She is generally available several hours each day to provide these clinical services to students. As such, we encourage students to visit the Health Center during non-physician hours. The wait is minimal to none at that time and, most likely, your health concern can be addressed by either the nurse or nurse practitioner without physician evaluation.

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Health Services

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Silence breeds inequality



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The United States has a problem, a problem that is neither native nor specific to the US. This problem is inequality. Inequalities exist in nearly every facet of our lives from who gets to be a student at the College to who gets to be the President of the United States. Recently, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) made headlines by publishing that President Obama's political achievements were helped by his "light-skinned" appearance and speaking style "with no

Negro dialect." As expected, that quote made a lot of people especially uncomfortable, and rightfully so.

Sen. Harry Reid on many grounds was on the right track with his comment about race relations in the US. In other ways, the comment demonstrates his lack of understanding of the black community and their voting trends. The implications of Sen. Harry Reid's quote digs deeper than his appalling use of "Negro," an antiquated term that is not only offensive but causal to systemic racism.

Sen. Harry Reid, an outspoken supporter and ally to President Obama, did bring up an issue on race that is worth talking about. Social science research finds that white voters demonstrate an unconscious inclination for black faces with lighter skin tones and narrower facial features. It is expected that physical characteristics, like skin tone, may influence white voters to view light-skin candidates as more "like them" and thusly "safer" to choose in a presidential election. Since white voters represent the majority of eligible voters (eligibility determinants are also deeply intertwined in racism), it is advantageous to have a lighter skin tone.

This brings us back to inequality. The first step in erasing the plights of inequality is always discourse and conversation. In this way, Sen. Harry Reid has opened

the channels for us to discuss why such prejudiced trends exist in our society. Simply vilifying Sen. Harry Reid would be a waste of an opportune moment for dialogue. Additionally, it would be censoring someone for their beliefs rather than exposing them to be critically examined. This type of censoring about race relations in order to avoid racially insensitive, as well as racist, remarks is perpetuating the lack of dialogue, one that is more than necessary.

The best way to avoid racially insensitive or racist remarks is to continue to learn through open dialogue and discourse, not by quelling it. President Obama is not helping the situation. Although the President made leaps and bounds by becoming the first minority to gain the position, he is seemingly loath to speak about race, especially after the flack he accrued from the Gates vs. Cambridge Police Department fiasco. As Georgetown University Sociology Professor Michael Eric Dyson remarked, the US was presented with another teachable moment and the "professor" was nowhere near the classroom.

Although there seems to be legitimate accuracy in Sen. Harry Reid's assessment of white voters' racial bias, he is partially

misguided in his analysis of Obama's relationship to "Negro dialect." Reid said, "America is ready for a black president." He then suggested "Negro dialect" is an obstacle to getting the support of Americans. These inconsistent statements do not accurately assess the reality of President Obama's campaign. President Obama's speech patterns are far more

fluid than his complexion. Thusly, the reality is that President Obama became electable only when he mastered a racially diverse discursive form. The often racist reactions to President Obama's success show that America wasn't ready for a black president. Rather, Ameri-

ca was ready for a multilingual president who can please more than one cultural group.

President Obama's speech patterns most likely mattered more in the primaries than the general election. This is due to two reasons. First, it is because black voters make up a larger portion of the Democratic Party than the general voting public, making it important to win the black voting blocs for the Primary Election. Second, conformity to speech standards of whiteness may help with gaining the white

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Supreme Court injustice

By DAVID EISENBERG
Op/Ed Writer

Last week, the Supreme Court delivered one of the worst and most damaging decisions in the history of our country. In *Citizens United v. FCC*, a five "justice" majority ruled that corporations can freely spend money on elections. This not only essentially overturned the McCain-Feingold campaign laws passed early last decade, but it flew against a century of precedent saying that corporations could not bankroll campaigns. In the ruling, the majority opinion fallaciously said that spending money is speech and that corporations are legally people; therefore, preventing corporations from spending money on campaigns is unconstitutional.

The vile ruling is on equal footing with *Dred Scott* and *Plessy v. Ferguson* as one of the worst decisions that the Supreme Court has ever handed down. Corporations already have inordinate power in the United States, if - and this is only one of many examples - the insurance companies meddling with the health care bill are any indication. Members of Congress in both parties are regularly bought off by companies and lobbies. Because of the inordinate amount of money that they have, they have the more say than you or I do. This ruling only increases

the amount of influence that corporations have in our country.

The blame on this decision lies squarely on what I like to call the "hydra on the bench", the five far-right justices that almost always decide as if they shared one brain: Chief Injustice John Roberts and his associate injustices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy, and Samuel Alito. These judges are usually referred to as having an "originalist" legal view, meaning that they see things the way that the Constitution is written

and nothing more. This view is completely false. If they truly believed in that legal philosophy, they would rule in favor of an individual's rights as often as they rule in favor of the rights of faceless corporations. Conservative justices are usually associated

with judicial restraint, where they don't make decisions that are too far-reaching and that comply with precedent. Not the hydra - its decisions regularly defy precedent, some of which stretches back for centuries.

No, what the hydra on the bench only really believes in is far-right ideology. They do not care a whit about precedent, constitutionality, or consistency, for no extreme ideology - left or right - cares much for those things. All they care about is the pro-business, pro-life, anti-individual liberty platforms that right-

wing ideologues like them hold dear. If a case does not comply with their world view - poof! It's ruled unconstitutional. They are serving the function of the executive and legislative branches all at the same when they do this, deliberately limiting their powers to satisfy their ideology.

Ironically, judicial activism and legislating from the bench were common complaints by many conservatives for decades. You won't hear a peep from those same people now about either of those things, even though the Roberts Court does them on a regular basis. Apparently, judicial legislators are just dandy when they're on your side. It hurts when the tables are turned on you, and it certainly infuriates me.

Another argument that those same conservatives made in the past was that judges need to be elected and be accountable to the people. Obviously, they're just fine with monsters like Alito and Roberts legislating for the next few decades (and they will live to be a ripe old age - as Billy Joel once sang, "Only the good die young"). I don't believe that judges should be elected by the people because judges deserve some degree of autonomy from the electorate (and, bringing this argument back full circle, they can be bought off by corporate influence).

However, I now truly feel that justices should have unlimited five-year terms

that are renewed by the Congress at the end of each one. If a justice's term is not renewed by a majority of both houses of Congress, or if the justice retires or dies in the middle of it, then they should be replaced by the Senate. This makes them more accountable to something other than themselves, because if this decision

has taught me anything, it's that we cannot trust the majority of the Supreme Court.

For now, though, the only way that I can hope that one of the hydra's heads gets chopped off is if one dies or retires. I hope and pray that day comes soon, whether it is through circumstances

beyond personal control that forces an injustice to retire or through the embrace of death. That latter proposition assumes that the five conservatives are not soulless liches that will never die, so it's sort of a leap of faith.

And lest you think that wishing death upon another person is as vile as the Supreme Court hydra itself, consider that Pat Robertson prayed for the death of a Supreme Court justice on The 700 Club following the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor (who is indirectly responsible for this decision herself due to her actions). Lo and behold, a few days later Chief Justice Rehnquist died, and that's why we are stuck with this awful court in the first place. I can only hope that my prayers are similarly answered, for this country's sake.

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Muhlenberg College students should be aware of and utilize all providers in Health Services (including nurses and physicians)... all the nurses and physicians are truly talented and compassionate.

However, we will admit that we are not perfect. Although we strive to make your visits to the Health Center as pleasant as possible, some inconvenience, as noted in the editorial, is involved in any system. Please be assured, though, that we keep these inconveniences to a minimum. Just as The Muhlenberg Weekly Executive Board wrote that they are "more than appreciative of the nurses...", the entire Health Services staff is truly appreciative of the opportunity to work with you, our Muhlenberg College students, and to help you meet your health care needs. Just remember that we can meet those needs outside of the physician hours also!

Sincerely,
Brynnmarie Dorsey, CRNP
Director, Health Services



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Attention: this is not a drill!



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All too often we fall into a lull where safety and security is expected, and danger is unexpected. We have become accustomed to a homeland that appears to be impenetrable. In reality, this idea is nothing more than a dream. Within the last two months there have been a few acts that ought to serve as wake-up calls to our government and to the American people. The threat posed by terrorism is no simple matter, but a threat that requires our undivided attention. If we are to truly grasp the continuing menace of global terrorism, we should recap some of the most startling examples of its direct impact on our lives and the safety of the US.

On Dec. 25, 2009, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was arrested for attempting to destroy Northwest Airlines Flight 253 at Detroit Metro Airport. While still on

the aircraft, Abdulmutallab lit a bomb hidden in his underwear, fortunately it failed to detonate. The passengers and flight crew worked together to pin down and strip Abdulmutallab.

Soon after the attack was reported the local police, the FBI, and Customs and Border Protection officers took Abdulmutallab into custody. Once in custody, he was rushed to the University of Michigan's medical center to be treated for any injuries. How nice, an attempt at murder gets you free medical attention at one of our finest teaching hospitals. The FBI reported the terrorist who tried to kill dozens of innocent passengers received burns on his groin and legs (you know what they say, what comes around goes around). During his course of treatment and interrogation, Abdulmutallab made little to no effort to conceal his murderous intent. According to FBI agents, police, and the doctor treating him, Abdulmutallab discussed the planning that went into the attack, the training he went through, and his ultimate goal of taking the plane down with all of the passengers.

On top of the scare caused by the attempted bombing on Christmas, the American people and our government received a chilling message from Osama bin Laden. This past Sun., Jan. 24, the leader of al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the Christmas Day bombing, praised "the heroic warrior Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab," as he so eloquently described him, and promised to escalate violence against the United States. Bin Laden and the global terrorist community have only reiterated their radical agenda. Why should we stress ourselves out over these disturbing events? These occurrences

are quite convincing of the fact that we are in a fight against an unconventional, unrelenting enemy. Being pitted against radical terrorist calls for us to be preemptive, not reactive. The plot of the Christmas Day bomber and the clear-cut message delivered by bin Laden were obvious attempts to take lives, instill fear in us, and cause destruction. The intent of these criminals has been and continues to be straightforward, and in turn, our response to their acts should be equally blunt. This is what we are facing.

It is certainly discomforting to think of our homeland as vulnerable, but reaching this conclusion is necessary. If we understand the enemies we are up against, then we can respond appropriately. Since the infamous attacks on 9/11, the United States has been fortunate enough to remain attack-free. This is no coincidence. The results that our response to the terrorists' acts of war have been significant.

So what should we keep in our terror-fighting arsenal? First of all, the US and our allies should maintain pressure on state sponsors of terrorism, such as Iran and Syria, and target known terror groups like al-Qaeda and Hezbollah. The free world must take the fight to the enemy or, in other words, be on the offense. When lives are at stake, we can not afford to wait for the danger to reach our shores. Perhaps the best way to put this is by saying that if you threaten our safety and security, Uncle Sam will be knocking on your door.

Another aspect of the international side of combatting terrorism is fostering cooperation between countries all over the world. If we are to succeed, the world needs to work together as a team. Getting western Europe to keep up the

fight and continued support of Israel are integral pieces to our strategy. The US must pay special attention to the progress of Afghanistan and Iraq and the unpredictable condition of Pakistan. Preventing these three countries from becoming safe havens for terror groups ought to be a top priority.

There is also a domestic side to our effort to defeat terrorism. Utilizing every possible method of prevention and response is just as important domestically as it is internationally. Our law enforcement personnel, on both the local and national level, our government and our military must have the resources and tools they need to protect us, with minimal red tape. The process of intelligence gathering is crucial, yet extraordinarily difficult. The use of legal interrogation techniques (not torture) and the domestic surveillance program (a.k.a. wiretapping) should continue to fall under the umbrella of counterterrorism. In addition to these tools, the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay should remain in service to properly house terrorists instead of releasing them and any terror trials occurring in the US should be halted and conducted in military tribunals.

As the terrorists have demonstrated, they have not disappeared and they are up to the same old tricks. Defeating terrorism and attaining the security we need and deserve will not be achieved through a simple strategy. The concept of air raid drills, building bomb shelters, and contingency planning will not get us very far. These Cold War ideas are outdated. Being on the offense and vigilant is the only way to beat these terrorists. This fight against terrorism and radicalism is not a drill but the real thing.

Welcome home

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
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Last Saturday, the United States Marines left Iraq. While there are still thousands of Americans fighting daily in the country, the Marines' exit is a fairly significant event. After all, the Marines are "first to fight, last to leave." This action makes it clear that the Obama administration is serious about leaving Iraq.

The United States has occupied Iraq for the past seven years, one of the longest wars the US has fought. As of January 6, 2010, 4,373 US soldiers have been killed and 31,616 US soldiers have been seriously wounded – not including the psychological disorders that the soldiers have sustained. Imagine the mental strain of constantly being in fear of the people who surround you and who you are meant to protect. You can heal a bullet wound, but some things you can't rehabilitate. Another substantial number is 800 billion, which is the number of dollars that the United States has spent on the war (that's the same cost of around 20 million Muhlenberg educations).

Despite the sacrifice of all of these soldiers – who have been asked to do an impossible mission by their leaders – and the fiscal sacrifice of the tax-payers of the United States, little has been won. Iraq is still a mess and the security that was supposed to be gained by the invasion is nowhere in sight. If anything, the United States and its al-

lies in the war are in greater peril than before the war. For every "insurgent" that has been killed and made a martyr, an innumerable amount of people (his father, mother, brothers, sisters, cousins, wife, children, and friends) will join the fight against the United States. In addition to these people avenging loved ones are the nationalists who are already committed to kicking an invading army out of their country. What would you do if the Iraqis invaded the United States?

And, what about the religious fanatics who don't want a foreign culture being imposed onto them? Democracy and its ideals were contrary and unknown to many Iraqi citizens before the invasion and are still not greatly understood. The Iraqis have always had a despotic ruler, and it is becoming clear that that is exactly what they needed. Saddam Hussein committed atrocities against humanity, his actions were against so many moral standards we hold to be truths, but that doesn't mean that Democratic rule is the answer. Thinking that the United States knows what is better for Iraq than the Iraqis themselves is an arrogant assumption.

It comes down to the fact that the United States cannot win the war in Iraq and that it is about time that the military leaves. It is impossible to occupy a country whose residents don't want you to be there. Unfortunately, as the United States Military "surges" into Afghanistan, it is clear that it has not learned this lesson.

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voters, but they do not provide a structure from which to relate to black voters. Therefore, Obama knew he had to learn to execute the cadences, rhythms, word choice and cultural references shared in many black communities along with the dialects of white communities in order to win the Primary Elections in 2008. Obama triumphed over Hillary Clinton because he was passionately supported by large and unified African-American voting blocs throughout the South and Midwest.

Even after partially falsifying Sen. Harry Reid's assertion that President Obama's lack of "Negro dialect" was the cause of his political success, it is still obvious that race does matter. Most politicians are afraid to cross racial boundaries in fear of losing white voters. The hesitancy to speak of race and racism widens the divide that continues to scar this nation. Racism manifests itself in flagrant statements such as when Idaho gubernatorial candidate Rex Rammell joked about hunting the president or when South Carolina GOP activist Rusty DePass calls an escaped gorilla one of Michelle Obama's ancestors. But even more importantly racism manifests itself in ways that we cannot see without a sharpened lens. This includes the way that white voters unconsciously tend support "whiter" candidates and how certain speech patterns seem to have more power on the Senate floor.

Rather than allaying the discomfort of talking about race, we've chosen to maintain archaic rules about what words can be said by whom or, even worse, to stay silent. It is as if not speaking of racism will somehow make it go away. Silence, even the well-meaning kind, seldom creates the struggle needed for progress. It just allows the same old norms to fill the vacuum. And this reluctance doesn't help the effort to rectify an unfair system. It's time to open up and deconstruct our systems of inequality.

Campus Safety Notes

Dec. 7 - Lost Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Dec. 7 - Lost Property - In Seegers Union, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Dec. 7 - Larceny/Theft - At Phi-Sigma Sigma, there was a report of a stolen jacket. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 8 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On N. 26th St., there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. A note was left on the windshield for the owner to contact Campus Safety. Referred to Plant Operations.

Dec. 11 - Sick Student - At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 11 - Institutional Vandalism - In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was report of urine on the front door. The suspect has been identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 11 - Sick Student - In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student due to an alcohol violation. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 11 - Larceny/Theft - Off campus, there was a report of theft of items at Main Gate. Allentown Police were notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 11 - Larceny/Theft - In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of burglary to a student's room. Several items were taken. A notice was sent to the Campus. The situation is also being investigated by the Allentown Police Department. The investigation will continue.

Dec. 11 - Larceny/Theft - Off campus, there was a report of theft of a jacket, ID card, cell phone, and wallet from Main Gate. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 11 - Harassment - In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of harassment between students. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 11 - Unlawful Entry (No Force) - Off campus, there was a report of a burglary to an off campus residence. Several items

were taken. Allentown Police Department responded. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 11 - Found Property - In Seegers Union, upper level, a reporting party turned in a found ATM card. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Dec. 11 - Institutional Vandalism - In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of a vandalized kitchen door latch. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 11 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and transported a student to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 12 - Disorderly Conduct - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 12 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Taylor Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. A fire safety violation was also noted in the room as a smoke detector was covered. Referred to the Dean of Students and a fire safety violation bill will be sent out to the residents of the room.

Dec. 12 - Sick Student - At 2259 Turner St. (Building #1, second floor), there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 12 - Injured Student - At the 26th St. and Chew St. parking lot, there was a report of an injured student due to a fall. The student refused medical treatment.

Dec. 12 - Motor Vehicle Accident - At N. 23rd St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. A note was left on the vehicle that was hit for the owner to contact Campus Safety.

Dec. 13 - Escort - In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of unregistered guest. Upon arrival, the guest was gone. There was no further incident.

Dec. 13 - Sick Student - At

2228 Gordon St., there was a report of a sick student. The student was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 14 - Found Property - In the Prosser parking lot, a reporting party turned in a found empty wallet. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Dec. 15 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 15 - Larceny/Theft - Off campus, there was a report of theft of keys from Main Gate. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 16 - Drug Possession (Marijuana) - In Prosser Hall Annex, third floor, there was a report of drug possession and alcohol violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 16 - Freshman With Auto - In the Trexler Library parking lot, an individual was seen driving the wrong way on a one-way drive. The person was identified as a Freshman. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Dec. 17 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - In Walz Hall, second floor, there was report of vomit in the water fountain. Housekeeping was notified to clean up the area. There are no suspects at this time.

Dec. 17 - Fire (Flames/Smoke Visible) - At Phi Kappa Tau, an officer reported students had an open fire pit in use. The students were told to extinguish the fire. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 18 - Found Property - In the Prosser parking lot, a reporting party turned in a found car key. The item was placed in the evidence closet.

Jan. 19 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of trashing. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services was notified.

Jan. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of vandalism. A window screen was cut and graffiti was written on the wall. There are no suspects at

this time. Referred to Residential Services.

Jan. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - In East Hall, there was a report of vandalism to the laundry room door. It appears that someone kicked in the door. There are no suspects at this time. A work order was submitted to have it fixed. Referred to Residential Services.

Jan. 19 - Unlawful Entry (No Force) - In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of theft of a computer. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 19 - Lost Property - In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a lost watch.

Jan. 19 - Forcible Entry - Off campus, at a non-College owned house, Allentown Communication Center called to report a burglary/armed home invasion at 2235 Liberty St. Notifications were sent to the Campus community via text and email advising them to lock their doors and be alert. The area was checked and the suspects were not located. Their direction or means of travel was unknown. Suspects were described as follows: one light skin Hispanic approximately 5 foot 7 inches, 220 pounds, wearing a black hat, black gloves, and a black sweatshirt. The second individual was a Hispanic male approximately 6 foot, 150 pounds wearing dark clothes. Both suspects wore neoprene ski masks and fled carrying a pillowcase containing computer equipment. Both were armed and stole the victim's handgun as well.

Jan. 20 - Vandalism to Vehicle - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle and a theft of a GPS. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 21 - Larceny/Theft - On campus, there was a report of theft of a parking sticker off of a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 22 - Injured Employee - In Moyer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured employee due to a fall on campus. The Health Center responded.

Jan. 23 - Criminal/Malicious Mischief - In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to construction signs. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 23 - Lost Property - In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Jan. 23 - Injured Student - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The injury occurred at an off campus location. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 23 - Harassment - In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of an altercation between students. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. No transport was made. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 23 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 23 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The items were brought to Campus Safety and discarded. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 23 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded along with Allentown EMS. Allentown Police will issue a student a citation for underage drinking. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 24 - Simple Assault - At Sigma Phi Epsilon, there was a report of an altercation. Officers spoke with both students and both declined medical treatment. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 24 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. The group was dispersed upon the officer's arrival. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 24 - Found Property - At the Center of the Arts' parking lot, there was a report of keys left in the door of a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was unable to be identified. The owner later claimed the keys.

Jan. 24 - Institutional Vandalism - At 2259 Turner St. a student reported accidentally breaking a window from throwing rocks.

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- Chinese proverb

Muhlenberg theatre students are recognized for excellence

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American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) honors excellence of overall production by presenting eight regional festivals across the country, and each festival offers student artists individual recognition through awards and scholarships in playwriting, acting, criticism, directing, and design. Muhlenberg College was honored to have one of its productions included at this year's Region II Festival on the campus of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The Increased Difficulty of Concentration premiered on the College's campus in New Visions 2009 and was chosen by regional faculty respondents to be produced for the KCACTF participants at the regional Festival in January. The play is a dizzying absurdist romp sprung from the imagination of Václav Havel, the Czech playwright, activist, dissident, and former president. The play examines the interactions of the social scientist Dr. Huml, the play's protagonist and comic relief, his relationships with four different women, and a malfunctioning machine that allegedly possesses artificial intelligence.

Directed by Vanessa Lancellotti '10, the performance at the Region II festival was so successful that the production has been held for consideration to be one of only eight projects to be presented at the national KCACTF festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in April. *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration* is one of only two productions from the mid-Atlantic region to be nominated for this honor.

Lancellotti is a senior English and Theatre double major, with a dual concentration in directing and acting.

"Underneath all of the fun, the play is concerned with the nature of human individuality, the need to find happiness, and the inherent chaos in trying to uncover these secrets.... I worked very physically with the actors, developing a movement vocabulary together that allowed us to create the larger than life characters in this absurdist farce."

"The department definitely provided me with the training I needed to approach this text, as did my experience studying physical theatre abroad at the Accademia dell'Arte in Arezzo, Italy."

"There was a great deal of intimacy in the production process," shares cast member C.J. DeNatale '13. "The theatrical focus of the performance was on Commedia dell'Arte, and this physicality aided in the actors' development of character."

The company that traveled to the ACTF Festival included cast members Joe Fielding '12, Sarah Lampert '10, Anna Jaller '10, Angela DeAngelo '12, Carolina Millard '10, Michael Bloom '11, C.J. DeNatale '13, and John Wentworth '11. Production stage manager was Jeffrey Brancato '12, Stage Manager was Stephanie Katz, and Assistant Stage Manager was Molly Serpi '13.

KCACTF represents college programs across the nation. "KCACTF, naturally, is a very competitive environment, wrote Jerald Kaplan in his interview with DeNatale, "in that it serves the purpose of displaying the best artistic pieces in the college community. Our students' participation success speaks directly to the caliber of the College's Theatre Program and the rigorous courses and teaching methods that it provides to students."

Each year, theatre faculty respondents visit campuses in their geographic region



DR. HUML (JOE FIELDING) MAKES PROMISES TO HIS MISTRESS, RENATA (ANNA JALLER) IN *THE INCREASED DIFFICULTY OF CONCENTRATION*.

PHOTO BY KEN EK

to search for the productions they might recommend for production at their regional festival in Washington, D.C. The enthusiastic response of Michael Swanson of Elizabethtown College for Muhlenberg College's production of *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration* in December and the encouragement of Timothy Averill, the College's faculty designer of the project and an active player in the regional festival for many years, resulted in the nomination of the student-directed farce to be remounted for the Region II Festival.

Transferring the production from an intimate thrust studio theatre to a large art deco proscenium theatre was a creative and financial investment that brought students, faculty and staff back early from their mid-year break to remount *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration* in the Empie Theatre and rehearse for two days before packing up for the festival.

Director Vanessa Lancellotti adds, "Once we arrived at Indiana University, we did not get to rehearse in the actual theatre until immediately before the performance. To anticipate this, we ran lines and tightened moment to moment work anywhere from the bus to the hotel conference room. I thought the actors rose to the challenge of filling the new space and gave wonderful, lively performances."

"The audience at ACTF is really unique – I doubt there is anywhere else where you would perform for a huge audience of your peers (theatre faculty and students). The audience responded very positively to the piece, audibly gasping or laughing many times over."

The Theatre Review of the festival production written by peer critic Peter Starr Northrop, confirms the play's intrigue and its success with audiences:

"At the center of a quiet den, Dr. Huml stands rigid in terror. He is completely surrounded by a mad swirl of people and unavoidable questions while lights pop and flash all around him. For the first time in his life, Huml has lost control. Yes, the College's production *The Increased Difficulty of Concentration* by Václav Havel has pinpointed the craziness that comes from simply knowing people so exactly that it actually gets frightening... Vanessa Lancellotti's direction takes this crazy time scheme and brings order to it. From matching set and costume designs to casting Huml's two love interests so they look alike, Lancellotti weaves together all these chaotic elements so anyone can be guided through the pandemonium."

Professor Averill says proudly, "Vanessa and the cast met the challenge and adapted the farcical style to create a well-conceived, well-acted, very strong piece... The audience loved it."

And so did the critics – not only regionally but nationally.

It is extraordinary, says Averill, who has been awarded the Kennedy Center / American

College Theatre Festival Medallion for his service to the mid-Atlantic states, for a student-directed production to be held for consideration for the festival's national stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. Reports Juliet Wunsch, Chair of the KCACTF Region II: "The National Selection Team will extend actual invitations in March after viewing shows in all 8 regions. Asking to be held for consideration is an incredible recognition, no matter how things play out in April."

Additional College students participated in the regional festival as performers and critics.

The 2010 Region II KCACTF O'Neill Critics Institute winner is Villanova University graduate student Mark J. Costello, and the alternate is Muhlenberg College freshman Amy



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Louie's: a casual Italian experience



A taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS &
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as well. Louie's is a casual restaurant where you can find all of your favorite home-style Italian foods on one big menu.

Louie's is a family-owned restaurant and has been in business since 1958. Just a couple of years ago, the restaurant relocated to 31st Street from downtown Allentown. They also have one other location in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania a little over an hour from campus. It is a very family orientated restaurant, and a lot of their customers are families, or larger groups. Louie's is also a very lively restaurant, and on the weekends there is great entertainment.

This past Saturday night, we went out to dinner with Alex's aunt and uncle to Louie's for a casual dinner. Even though we arrived with a reservation, there was still quite a wait. Make sure you call ahead and make a reservation, especially if you are with a large group! While waiting, we ordered some calamari

Looking for a casual Italian restaurant for an evening out with friends? This is the place you are looking for! Louie's is located on 2071 31st Street, not too far from campus. Open for both lunch and dinner, Louie's is a popular destination for all ages any day of the week, and they also have a special brunch menu on Sundays. It is definitely easier to get Louie's if you have a car on campus, but Shuttle Steve might be able to take you there

and garlic bread to snack on at the bar before being seated. The calamari was served at the perfect temperature—hot, but not too hot to eat—and tasted like it had come right out of the fryer. The outside was crispy and not too oily, and the inside was just a little bit chewy – just how it is supposed to be. The homemade marinara sauce that came with it was delicious.

When we were seated, they brought us very tasty warm bread with garlic infused olive oil. As a group, we ordered spinach and cheese ravioli with a mushroom tomato sauce, angel hair pasta with tomato sauce, cheese manicotti, and veal parmesan. Everyone's meal also came with a salad to start. They offered us the Louie's traditional salad which was lettuce, tomatoes, olives, and gorgonzola cheese. It was dressed in their own salad dressing seasoned with oregano, black pepper, and other spices. Everyone enjoyed their meals, but none of us managed to finish the whole thing. Make sure you go to this restaurant with an empty stomach and ready to eat! Although the portions do not seem overwhelmingly large, it is definitely a challenge to finish your whole meal.

Make sure to save room for desert! After you finish your entrees, they will roll the desert cart right over to you with all of the different options. Everything looked so delicious! We ordered a slice of rich chocolate cake and a slice of coconut cake to end our meal on a sweet note.

The service was great, and our food came out very quickly. The prices are also very reasonable. It is a good place for a college student's budget! Expect to spend no more than twenty dollars on your meal.

Louie's will please your stomach as well as your wallet! Overall, dining at Louie's was a very pleasant experience. We would definitely encourage students to venture over to Louie's for a fun night out and to experience a lively and delicious Italian restaurant.

Go with a reservation, an empty stomach, if you are going on the weekend – with your singing voice!

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Asendorf. The Critics Institute was established to assist in elevating the level of arts criticism and to provide writers the opportunity to grow and learn at the same pace as other theatre artists, whose work they review, interpret, and critique. The Region II participant critics studied, shared and produced theatre critiques in response to the theatre productions seen over three days of the festival. The winner of the National Festival will earn a place in the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center Critics Institute this summer.

The Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships provide recognition, honor, and financial

assistance to outstanding student performers wishing to pursue further education. The Irene Ryan Foundation awards sixteen regional and two national scholarships annually. The Irene Ryan participants from the College were: Allie DiIorio '11 (chosen for Uncommon Women; performing with Anna Gothard '11), Amanda Smith '12 (Uncommon Women; with Conor Choi '12), Leah Holleran '12 (Bat Boy; with Louisa DeButts '12) and Eric Thompson '10 (Caw; with Kadeem Alston-Roman '12). Leah and Eric proceeded to the semi-final round of auditions at the regional festival.

Started in 1969 by Roger L. Stevens, the

Kennedy Center's founding chairman, the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) is a national theater program involving 18,000 students from colleges and universities nationwide which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theater in the United States. The KCACTF has grown into a network of more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country, where theater departments and student artists showcase their work and receive outside assessment by KCACTF respondents. The festival draws more than a thousand attendees from colleges and universities across an eight-state region and the District of Columbia.

MAC announces spring concert

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

Every spring semester, the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) organizes the student-filled Concert Board to plan and execute their annual spring concert. The members of MAC and the Concert Board are involved in every step of the planning process, from polling for student interest to running production and security the day of the show. Students interested in assisting should attend MAC/Concert Board Meetings on Wednesdays at 5 pm in Trumbower 130.

After the fall's campus-wide vote between five nationally recognized bands, MAC is proud to announce that the College will host Gym Class Heroes on March 28 at 7 pm in Memorial Hall.

Gym Class Heroes became a widely known name after the release of their third album, "As Cruel As School Children," in 2006, which reached gold-record status. The number one single "Cupid's Chokehold/Breakfast In America," set the band on the path to winning the award for Best New Artist at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards. Since then, Gym Class Heroes has made a name for themselves, though not an easy one to pin

down.

The band, made up of childhood friends Travis McCoy and drummer Matt McGinley along with guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasongo and bassist Eric Roberts, is known for uniquely blending across the genres of hip-hop, rock, soul, and punk.

Their most recent album, "The Quilt," was released in Sept. of 2008 and debuted on number fourteen on the Billboard Top 200. With bold lyrics and catchy beats, Gym Class Heroes promises to put on a powerful show; one that they hope will be anything but predictable. Their first single off of "The Quilt," entitled "Cookie Jar" featuring The Dream, was released in hopes of avoiding any preconceived notions that fans may have had about the band. Appropriately, "The Quilt" is the most diverse of Gym Class Heroes' four albums, including songs like "Guilty As Charged" featuring Estelle and "Like Father, Like Son (Papa's Song)."

On campus ticket sales will be held Mon., Feb. 1 through Fri., Feb. 5 in Seegers Lobby from 11 am – 2 pm and 4 – 7 pm. Tickets cost 10 dollars for students with Muhlenberg ID, 15 dollars for Faculty and Staff, and 20 dollars the day of the show.

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Fri. 2:50, 6:30, 9:45
Sat. 2:50, 6:30, 9:45
Sun. 10:50, 2:50, 6:45

Edge of Darkness

Fri. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:30

Legion

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:50

The Book of Eli

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:25
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:25
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

The Lovely Bones

Fri. 4:15, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:15, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:15, 7:20

When in Rome

Fri. 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:10, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

IM season starting to shape up



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Intramural basketball season is finally here, and it's shaping up to be another great one. Basketball is historically the most popular and most competitive intramural sport, and we are planning to have another great turnout this year. The games are set to begin this coming Sunday, and as I sat at sign ups I began to think about some predictions of what we may see this year.

The preseason First Team All League (A Division) is headed by Senior Brian Ward. Ward is a former MVP of the league and is looking to continue his greatness this year. The team also consists of Junior Matt "The Appointment" Cecconi, Sophomore Cody Antonini, Senior Kyle Wachter, and Sophomore Matt Siedt. All five of these players have earned a great reputation for themselves over the past few years.

The preseason Second Team All League consists of Seniors Drew Howley and Craig Weinberg, Juniors Jon Liberty and Pat Rowan, and faculty member/Muhlenberg alum Joe Caporoso. If Liberty is able to figure out what exactly a "post-player" is, he could turn out to be a real force in the league.

The A Division has a bunch of great teams this year and seems to be the most even division we have seen in a while. I believe the ManBearPigs will finish on top of the league led by

Seniors Dan Aitkens and Kyle Wachter. The ManBearPigs have been a strong team since their freshman year and now that they are finally seniors I definitely expect a great showing from them. Another team to look out for is the Footballers who are returning a bunch of players from last year's team that finished towards the top of the league. Also among the elite A Division teams are the Buehlers and Kon Tiki. Kon Tiki consists of returning players such as "The Appointment" and Senior Chris Trapp as well as some new faces like first teamer Cody Antonini.

The B Division is also set up to have an amazing season. My prediction is to see So Soph and Still Clean and SigEp toward the top of the division. Some other teams to look out for throughout this spring are the Tazerbacks, who are returning their entire team, as well as Afternoon Delight.

I also have a few preseason award predictions. The preseason Most Valuable Player is Matt Cecconi. It was a tight vote between Cecconi and Ward but many believe that now that Cecconi is the leading man on Kon Tiki that he will be the best player in the upcoming season. The preseason Rookie of the Year goes to Shane O'Connor who won by a unanimous vote. The highly coveted preseason Referee of the Year goes to Senior Ryan Foster.

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Baker Theatre

Women's Basketball

team refreshed after break

BY VANESSA LANE
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Monday night the Muhlenberg Women's basketball team headed to Swarthmore to take on the

Garnets and capture a 69 to 54 win.

The Mules had a long stretch of games; five in just nine days. The Mules finally got some much needed rest before starting this week off strong.

Head Coach Ron Rohn knew his team needed a little recharging before taking on Swarthmore and on Thursday of last week the team had off from practice and had light practice days on Friday and Saturday. The time off was much needed for the team who attributes the win to having the small break.

"I think we came out with lots of intensity because we had that mental break", said Senior Point Guard Brenna Ferster. "We could have played flat but that break really reenergized us".

The Mules needed lots of energy to take on the Garnets who at a distance did not seem like a threat with a Centennial Conference record of 4-8. But, Swarthmore has been playing the best teams in the CC as of late giving second place Gettysburg a scare in overtime this past weekend and beating fourth ranked Dickinson. The Mules knew this opponent would be a tough one and was prepared to face a team that could make a run at them.

"We knew we had to be ready even though Swarthmore is not one of the best teams in the conference", said Ferster. They are able to compete with the top teams in the league and make runs at any time".

But Swarthmore's spirit was crushed by the Mules who played a strong game and had a dominant second



half. A 15-4 run in the first four minutes of the half was all Muhlenberg needed to go from leading by six to 17 and never look back.

Sophomore Alex Chili finished the game with 16 points and four rebounds. Juniors Sheila Cook and Kelly McKeon finished with a combined 16 rebounds and added 15 points and 14 points respectively.



Above: Sophomore Alex Chili on one of her point-scoring drives; Left: Senior Lexi Bates goes up for a two pointer.

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Then, the Mules lost its leader, senior center Peter Barnes. "I am not saying we are not good enough to win without him, we are," said McClary. "We just needed some time to figure out how to adjust to playing without him and changing some roles."

One of the players who has stepped up is Evan Tozer. "He has developed into a defensive stopper for us," McClary said. "I think it has been like 5 or 6 games in a row that he has guarded the other teams' best player and held him seriously under his average."

Although the loss to DeSales is a setback, it is not disastrous. The Bulldogs are out of conference, so the Mules are still tied for second. The season will be decided in the last eight games of the season - all in-conference games. The Mules' next three opponents are a combined 10-19 in-conference, so the Mules could reclaim first place. The true challenge will be Saturday, Feb. 6 in the rematch at first place Franklin & Marshall (14-3, 8-2).

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Wrestling
Thursday, Jan. 28
vs Scranton
7:30

Saturday, Jan. 30
vs. Stevens and
Merchant Marine
11:00

Men's Basketball
Saturday, Jan. 30
at McDaniel
3:00

Track and Field
Friday, Jan. 29
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Women's Basketball
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7:30



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Track and Field start off on the right foot

By C. N. BROWN
SPORTS EDITOR

This season of Indoor Track has been off to a record-breaking start. Last week at Kutztown University's Golden Bear Invitational, Senior Alex Faust broke both Muhlenberg's and the Centennial Conference's records with her 12-1.25 pole vault jump. The win also qualifies Faust for the NCAA standards and ranks her third in the NCAA Division III for pole vaulting. Not only did this high-flying senior have an amazing pole vault performance, but also placed second in the 55 meter (only seven one hundredths of a second from beating her school record) and was the leading runner on the 4x400 relay team for the meet.

Senior Jennifer Lynch also came within record-breaking times in the Mules' season opener. Lynch won the 3,000 meters with a time that was only two-and-a-half seconds short of the school record she set last year. Lynch's time of 2:22.71 in the 800 meters broke her personal record by two seconds as well.

Seniors were not the only victors in the indoor track

Invitational. Freshman Tara Keegan placed fourth in the triple jump and sixth in 400 and long jump, while Freshman Amanda Brennan was third in the 55 hurdles, sixth in the triple jump, seventh in the high jump and eighth in the long jump. These placed Brennan as one of two Mule freshmen to qualify for the finals in the 55 hurdles. Mallory Davis, also a Freshman, posted the third-best prelim time.

Returning athletes helped seal the deal for the College as well. Sophomore Nicolette Miller, led a 1-2 finish in the 1,000 meters. Sophomore Kimberlee Yalango, who was second, also anchored the 4x400 relay team.

The men had some victories of their own. Junior Matt Laletti placed first in the 3,000 meters. Sophomore Peter Rice ran a 51.95 in the 400 meters, only milliseconds away from his personal record of 51.78, which helped him anchor the second-place 4x400 relay. Sophomore Marc Brookland's distance of 43-4.25 in the triple jump was only five inches off his personal best and 13 inches from the school record.

At Susquehanna's Orange & Maroon Classic,

Brookland broke the oldest school record on the books when he triple jumped 45-3½. He beat the previous mark of 44-5½, set in 1976, by 10 inches.

Bobby Torphy, a returning Junior runner, placed second in the mile at 4:20.92, the fifth-fastest time in program history, then won the 800 in a field of 54 runners with a time of 1:59.13. Senior Jennifer Lynch placed first in the mile with a time of 5:12.29 and came in fifth in the 800 with a personal-best time with 2:23.59.

Senior Jayne Condon ran the third fastest 5,000 meters in Mule history, and came in second in the meet with a time of 18:56.04.

Faust was victorious once again at the Classic, winning the 400 meter, anchoring the second place 4x400 relay team, and tying for second place in the pole vault, with a height of 11-11.25.

All of the College's track and field athletes are busy preparing for the Muhlenberg Invitational this Friday. Congratulations to our record breakers, and good luck to all Mule competitors this weekend! Check next week's issue for the results of the Muhlenberg Invitational.

Mules try to rediscover groove

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Last Monday night, the Muhlenberg men's basketball team (9-8, 7-3) lost 67-59 at home against the DeSales Bulldogs (14-4, 7-0) – a team that was ranked seventh in the nation.

Early in the game, neither team could find its stroke. Well into the game, the Bulldogs answered freshman guard Matt O'Hara's three-pointer, making the score 3-2 with six minutes expired in the game. However, the pace immediately quickened, with both teams trading several baskets. Due to the Mules' electric offense and tenacious defense, the Mules were up by as many as 5 points in the first-half.

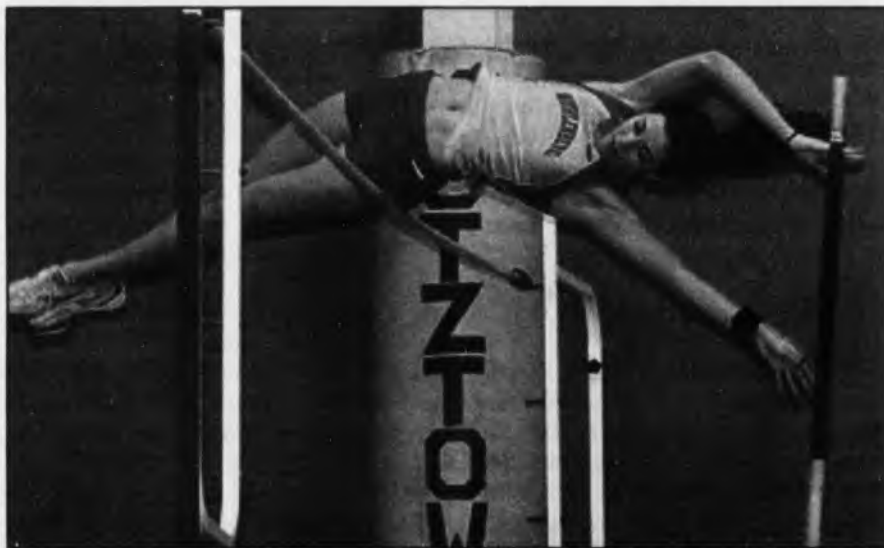
With 37 seconds to play in the first-half, senior forward Obi Nwizugbo hit a layup, and it appeared as if the score would be tied at the half, but the Bulldogs hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer, making the score 36-33.

The Bulldogs started the second quarter with a 12-6 run, pushing the score to 48-39, but the Mules hit back with a 9-1 run. The one point deficit was the closest the game was from that moment on as DeSales went on a 9-0 run to answer the Muhlenberg threat. With fifty seconds left in the game, the Bulldogs went 6-6 from the charity stripe, and stifled the Mules' attempts at hitting threes – in some cases intentionally fouling – leaving the score at 67-59.

Four Mules scored eight points: Nwizugbo, senior guard Brian Frankoski, junior guard Evan Tozer, and freshman guard Rob Berish. Sophomore forward Spencer Liddic led the Mules in scoring with 14 points and rebounding with 12 boards – his seventh double-double of the season. Liddic is eighth in the Centennial Conference with an average 13.1 points a game, is first in the conference in rebounding with 9.7 per game, and fifth in conference with 1.25 blocks per game.

After a 1-3 start to the season, the Mules won four games in a row (all conference games), but lost the last game before winter break. However, in their first game back, the Mules pulled out an overtime win at Johns Hopkins. "I am pleased with the start we have had in our conference as we were in first place half way through the schedule and we were the number 1 ranked defense in the nation, and the number 1 ranked rebounding team in the nation," head coach Scott McClary said.

The Mules then won their second game of 2010 at home against McDaniel. The Mules were undefeated and first in the Centennial Conference. However, they lost their next game to an impressive Franklin & Marshall team who was 11-2 at the time, and relinquished first.



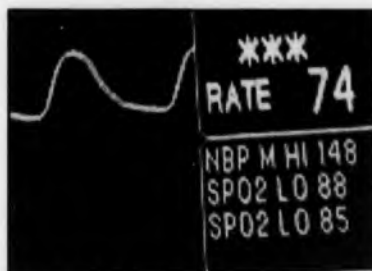
Above: Senior Alex Faust makes leaps and bounds at Kutztown. Below: Sophomore Marc Brookland breaks records in the triple jump.



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Ryan Foster '10 makes b-ball history with his 150th 3-pointer of his collegiate career!

And so it is tapped...

BY JOE ARMENTI
NEWS WRITER

With the water bottle resolution in place, EnAct members are pleased that the College is taking a step toward helping the environment. Sara Imperiale '10, President of EnAct, said, "It's really exciting to see the Just-Tap-It policy implemented on campus. It's been a long but worthwhile process." A victory for both EnAct and the environment, the resolution is in full affect. Prior to the change, the College was consuming approximately 6,000 water bottles each week according to Sodexo Corporation. Each of these water bottles came with an environmental price tag in the way that they are produced, delivered, and disposed of.

To recap, on the Apr. 30, meeting of the Student Government, EnAct brought forth their Just-Tap-It Resolution for the organization's approval. After that piece of legislation failed to pass in a vote, EnAct returned the following semester with a similar yet different bill. Deviating from the first bill which called for the complete removal of water bottles from college venues, the newly crafted piece of legislation sought to remove water bottles from the list of swipeable beverages while still permitting the water bottles to remain available for purchase. Student Government ultimately passed the resolution and compromised was reached. In its inaugural semester, how have the aspects of the resolution been implemented?

As per the resolution, water bottles are no longer available on a swipe; however, they may still be purchased using cash, credit, debit, flex, and dining dollars. In the GQ, a "Hydration Station" awaits any student wanting to quench their thirst with filtered water. The Station includes hot and cold water options as well as plant-based green ware cups with which to enjoy the free water. Additionally, campus water fountains are now adorned with a faucet feature for easy refills. Meal deals have also been altered to account for the missing water bottles that often would fill a swipe. Jesse Breidinger of Sodexo said, "We have incorporated new meal deals in the GQ, Sandellas, and the LSC in order to offer alternatives. These incorporate a variety of sides so that students can

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Sestak speaks on the State of the Union

BY DAVE SCHUTZBANK
NEWS WRITER

In the days leading up to President Obama's State of the Union Address, US Senate candidate Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) filled the airwaves and television screens. The point of these public appearances was to discuss his thoughts and expectations of President Obama's speech. In anticipation of the speech, Congressman Sestak released the following statement: "In 2008, America voted for change. Not just a change of parties or policies, but for a fundamental change in politics and the way we do business in Washington. America voted to end the systemic lack of oversight, transparency and accountability both in Congress and the previous Administration that brought about the crises we face today."

The day of the speech, Sestak explained, "This was not a mandate, but an opportunity a chance to put our principles over politics as usual, to restore faith in our nation's leaders and public institutions. Congress has not delivered. Too many in Washington have strayed from principled compromise to a compromise of principles... that it is jobs for American workers that matters, not our own. Tonight, the President has an opportunity to put our country back on a path of real change by declaring a renewed commitment to transparency and accountability and putting our focus back on America's working families."

Congressman Sestak also released his plans to "rein in deficit and debt spending while ensuring quality job creation with real income growth." This plan included implementing a statutory

'Pay-As-You-Go' rule that requires an offset for all new government spending. Sestak also supported "...strengthening small business hiring, implements job share programs, saves jobs by closing state budget deficits and enduring consumer confidence by providing relief to job seekers."

Further plans include "addressing entitlement spending by reining in health care costs to prevent the federal debt from reaching 27.9 percent of GDP in 2050, from 46 percent of GDP at the end of fiscal year 2009" and closing "tax loopholes that ships jobs overseas by preventing corporations from deferring taxes on income earned by foreign subsidiaries."

Further information on Congressman Sestak's reactions to the State of the Union address are available on his website.

Black History Month

BY SHANNON TOMLINSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

February may seem like a cold, dreary month, but it is actually a month of remembrance, celebration, and observance.

The obvious holiday that you may be thinking of is on February 14: Valentine's Day, a day of flowers, chocolate, and romance. Or perhaps President's Day comes to mind, an honorable federal holiday. Groundhog Day may stand out to Pennsylvanians. If you are Catholic, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent may be the focus of your attention. But I am referring to a longer observance, the entire month of February, in fact, Black History Month.

Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926 as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." Dr. Carter G. Woodson can be credited with this revolutionary celebration. Born to parents who were former slaves, Woodson was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population.

Woodson, always one to act on his ambitions, decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. In 1915, he established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now renamed the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History).

A year later he founded the Journal of Negro History. And in 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history. Woodson chose the second week in February because it marks the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men who greatly influenced the black American population.

However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show its significance in black American history. For example, on February 23, 1868, W.E.B. DuBois was born. On Feb. 3, 1870, the 15th Amendment was passed, granting

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Maingate's main problem

The first Thursday of every month, many students look forward to a night off campus at Maingate. Students are bussed to Maingate, where they wait in a line to pay the night's entry fee, check their belongings, and head to the dance floor. While the club is known for its popular music and strobe lights, it is increasingly becoming synonymous with many difficulties that are making the trip a lot less worthwhile.

This past Thursday, Jan. 28, a few hundred Berg students set out for their Maingate fix. The unbelievable line, not to mention waiting outside in the cold, however, dampened the excitement of many students. The process of checking coats at the door contributed greatly to the wait, but once inside with their coat-check tickets, students felt free to move on with their nights. Little did they know that many of them would end the night with missing jackets, lost property, and all but fighting with the coat-room attendant.

Every student on campus received an email last week with information about several thefts that occurred that night at Maingate, and we have heard numerous accounts from students who lost their coats, dealt with the coat-check misplacing their tickets, and witnessed arguments over personal property. The Campus Safety Notice that was sent out advised that students always check their belongings and not leave drinks or belongings unsupervised. But in light of recent events, we wonder if this is enough. One student, after "safely" checking their coat and wallet, was unable to recover both of them at the end of the night, losing everything from their license to their dorm key.

While it is inevitable that mix-ups of the same black NorthFace jacket occur once in a while, we believe that students shouldn't have to be fearful of losing their possessions, especially at an event catered to students. If students didn't need to bring money with them, there might be less of a concern about their belongings. Selling tickets to Maingate in advance for student nights could help prevent backed-up lines as well as allow students to leave more of their valuables behind in their dorms. Less to worry about could only lead to a more fun, worry-free night on the dance floor.

The tissue issue

By MELISSA DEL MAURO
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Who is Henrietta Lacks? If you can answer this question, I'm impressed; if not, don't worry, you're not alone. However, within the next few months, I predict

Henrietta Lacks will be as much of a household name as Harry Potter. This woman is gaining much-deserved recognition due to a new nonfiction book that's rapidly climbing the bestseller charts. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks", by Rebecca Skloot, chronicles the life of a woman whose untimely death has provided the tools for some of the most advanced scientific discoveries in our time.

When Henrietta Lacks died 60 years ago, she left a legacy more vast and promising than anyone could have ever imagined, and one that most never knew. The cancer that robbed the 31-year-old of her life provided the means to create "immortal" human cells that were cultured and are still alive today. Known as HeLa, the total resulting cells that have been grown would weigh more than 50 million metric tons!

It's not just the fact that Lacks' cells are "immortal", but more so that the HeLa cells were vital in developing vaccines, cancer research and discovering the effects of the atom bomb. HeLa cells have also led to huge scientific advances like in-vitro fertilization and cloning.

You may now be asking yourself why you couldn't answer the question posited earlier as to who Henrietta Lacks is. If she's responsible for some of the world's greatest technologies, why is her name still relatively obscure?

The answer is unsettling to say the least. Lacks' immortality was unknown to virtually everyone. It wasn't until scientists working with the HeLa cell line started using her children (without their knowledge) to supplement their research did the truth finally come out. The Lacks family was astonished to learn that Henrietta's cells were taken without consent and without the knowledge of those closest to her. The HeLa cells have created a multi-million dollar industry, yet her family couldn't even afford health insurance.

True, informed consent has changed drastically over the past 60 years with patients agreeing to the provision that the tissues removed from their bodies may be used in the future for research. But do they really have more of a say than Henrietta did? If they don't agree to the stipulations set down, they don't get the medical treatment they desire; therefore most sign away the rights to their body.

The general consensus is that what happened to the Lacks

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The three "u"nfortunates



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cus of harsh ridicule. It should also be pointed out that this occurrence goes beyond outsiders, but even seems as though our great country has become a laughing-stock among Americans themselves. People doubt the part that the United States has, and continues, to play in the world.

So why is the topic of America-bashing coming up this week? On Jan. 24, Guido Bertolaso, Italy's counterpart to our Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administrator, described the US-led aid efforts in Haiti as "pathetic" and publicly criticized the management of the operation.

Bertolaso could not have been farther from the truth. In response to the devastating earthquake that rocked Haiti, the United States deployed 13,000 troops and took a leading role in the organization of an international aid fund.

In this case, I thought crunching some numbers would provide a good perspective. According to the United Nations data on total contributed funds per donor for the Haiti relief effort, the US topped the list at \$400 million (as of Feb. 1). The runner-up to the US was the category labeled "private individuals and organizations." This means that private entities have donated more aid to Haiti than any other government in the world, except for the US. How did the Italian effort compare? Italy managed to contribute

\$9.3 million. Our hard work and good character doesn't seem so pathetic Mr. Bertolaso. This is not the first time an international figure has wrongfully insulted the United States and the American people. Last year, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon, outright called the US a "deadbeat", another prime example of a ridiculous attack made by a man without any right to criticize. Mr. Bertolaso and Mr. Moon's outbursts are driving at an obvious attitude towards the United States which can be summed up in three words.

Underappreciated. The effort made by the United States to aid and support good causes is all too often underappreciated. Unfortunately, people from other countries and even many Americans know how much money and man power the US throws around to all corners of the world, yet they brush it aside. It is likely that our involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan could be interfering with the world's acknowledgement of our generosity and long history of giving, but this should not be the case.

Underestimated. The potential for America and the American people to do good is frequently scoffed at. Outsiders and critics do not believe the US is capable or even willing to help others. I have even heard Americans see their country as selfish and uncooperative. We ought to look back in history and recall all of

the good we were able to accomplish. Americans have quite a record when it comes to generosity and good will. The United States has not, and will never lose its unmatched potential to better this world.

Unnoticed. This could very well be the most disappointing part of all. It is hard to say, but people simply do not notice or care to notice what America does. The failure to recognize America's good nature has played a part in America being criticized from all sides for an apparent lack of generosity.

If the role we play in the international community and the charitable nature of our country can be so easily called into question, then it might be time to show the world how much we do help. Just think about how unsuccessful the UN, the food and supplies efforts in Africa, medical and epidemic relief organizations, and the other countless humanitarian missions without American involvement.

The conclusion that we can draw is that the US has made extraordinary efforts towards others. We have contributed so much, and that fact needs to be maintained. One of the responsibilities of being a world leader is acting like a caregiver and helper. But the United States does not deserve to be subjected to below-the-belt attacks. We must not lose sight of how kind we truly are.

As the political debates of the 21st Century seem to be getting more heated and controversial, we have often heard the phrases "America-bashing" and the "Blame America First" crowd. Even though these labels appear to be a bit blunt, there is most definitely a valuable message behind them. Perhaps we can best use these sayings to describe an unsettling trend within the international community in which the United States has undeservingly bore the brunt of sharp criticism and has been the fo-

Polarizing Athletics

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

When I was in middle school, my best friend was Gordon Forbes. Forbes was a star football player and track star – and currently plays in Division I. Also, Gordon is black. One day after school, I foolishly challenged him to a race to see how fast he truly was. We were at the end of my street, a straight stretch of about 100 yards, at the end of which was my house. It would have made a perfect street for drag racing, and was. Since my house was across the street from the high school, the town put up barriers to prevent high-schoolers from abusing their newfound mechanized freedom.

I knew I couldn't beat him in a straight race, so I bet him that I could beat him if he wore his backpack with the zillion pounds of textbooks in it and I took my bag off. After five strides, I was done – smoked. I challenged him again: give me a lead. He blew by me, backpack bouncing tauntingly. I asked him how he got to be so fast, hoping to find some way for me to be close to a challenge to him – I'm still as fast as someone trying to run in four feet of snow – but he just shrugged his shoulders modestly and said something like: it's just something I can do. Later, I learned that he ran every day, and worked hard

for his athletic ability. It's not as if he could have sat around playing video games and still maintain this blinding speed, but that's how he made it sound.

Rewind two or three years before that, and I'm a fourth grader sitting cross-legged on the gym floor, not quite listening to my principal, but definitely thanking the powers that be that I was not in English class. During an assembly about black athletes, one of my classmates (you know, that kid who makes you cringe when he is about to speak) raised his hand and told the principal that his father had told him that African-Americans are better at sports because of something in their skin. Half of the kids looked nervously up at our principal as the other half of the assembly laughed nervously. "Oh God," I thought. "What is this kid talking about? How could someone think that the color of one's skin is an indicator of their athletic ability?"

But, this stereotype that is very prevalent in sports. Many sports commentators frequently endorse this sort of racism. Even though there aren't any professional athletes who haven't worked a lifetime for their professional status, we are still ingrained with the belief that African-Americans who play sports are there because of an innate, unearned ability and that whites are there because they have overcome their lack of God-given talent with hard work and a gritty toughness.

The evidence of these stereotypes is in every broadcast. For instance, Wes Welker is frequently complimented for his work ethic, while black wide receivers like Brandon Marshall, Terrell Owens, and Randy Moss are weighted down with the label "natural ability." These stereotypes come from the same abhorrent dismissals of African-American work ethic that stem from the slave period. These same stereotypes were seen in the early twentieth-century. The idea of "the great white hope," who came from nothing and worked hard to knock off the undeserving black champion, is the same idea. It is clear that these racist ideas have not disappeared.

Obviously, there are genetic mutations that give some athletes certain innate abilities, but there are no free rides in pro sports.

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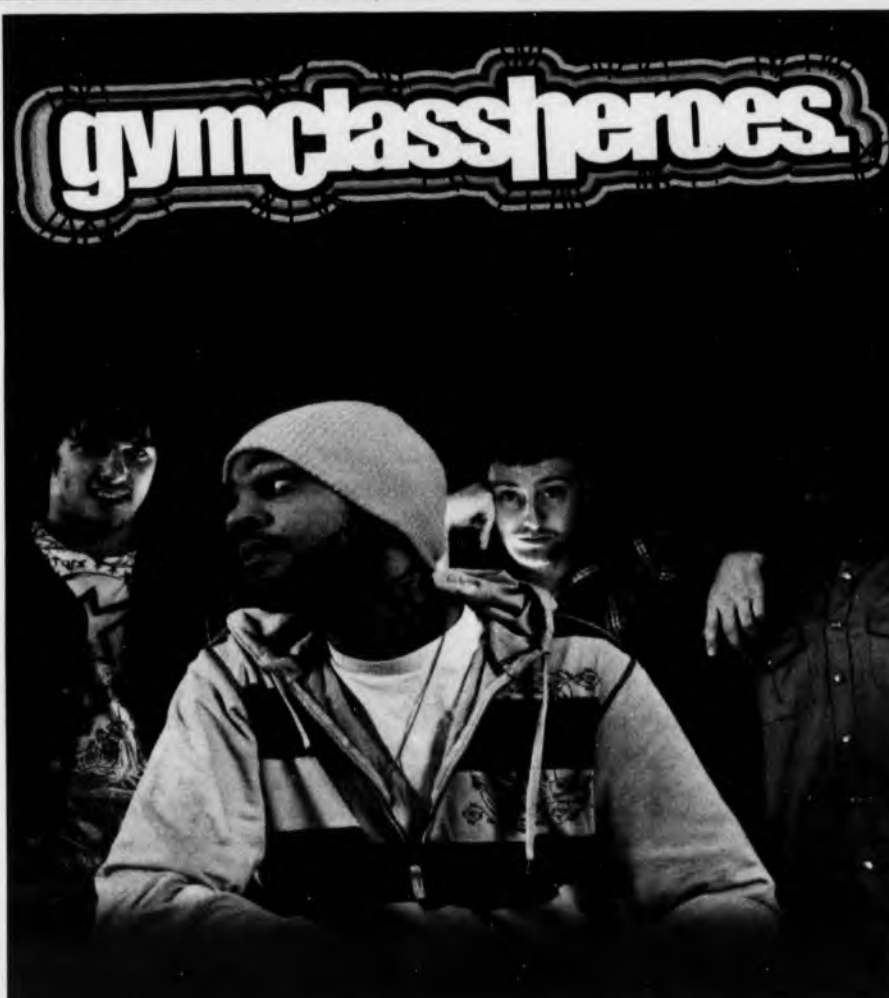
family was unconscionable. They were directly manipulated and deliberately kept in the dark. However, what if they had known the implications of Henrietta's donation to science? Would they have expected a big payout?

If a biopsy from a patient had the potential of the HeLa cells, who would benefit from it? Would it be the patient who gave up a part of himself, or the doctor who realized the medical implications? It's not as if said patient manufactured or created the cells in his body. Who deserves the monetary reward and the recognition in this case that's really not so different from Henrietta's?

We seem to be on the precipice of that slippery slope of biomedical ethics. The looming question of property is at stake here. Once removed from the body, does a cell, tissue, or organ then come under the jurisdiction of the scientist manipulating the ingredients in the test tube? Or is it still fundamentally the property of the person it came from?

Science historically has always come under fire for the risks it takes and the boundaries it oversteps. This dilemma is no different. There has already been much controversy over this subject, and I find myself divided. On one hand, (albeit the selfish hand), if part of my body were given to science, I'd like a little credit. Sure, the doctors and scientists who discovered whatever groundbreaking thing in my cells should get recognition as well, but I don't want to be shunted off to the side. I'd like my 15 minutes of fame, thank you very much. On the other hand, I understand the potential for dangerous consequences if every person had ownership of anything taken from his or her body. Imagine how complicated it could be and the lawsuits that would undoubtedly follow (which are beginning to be formed presently).

So, the jury is still out on this one. I don't think an answer is going to come anytime soon, but with Skloot's new book, society is being presented with the quandary. This book may very well be the catalyst for what could turn out to be this decade's much contested debate, after which everyone will be able to answer the question, "Who is Henrietta Lacks?"



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The failure of the prison system



View from the Left

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factor of eight since 1970. Unfortunately, overall crime has barely decreased in that amount of time, showing, the prison system in the US is failing to do its purpose.

Prisons are supposed to perform two functions in the United States. First, prisons physically separate violent individuals from the rest of society. The proportion of inmates to which this applies is effectively negligible. Second, prisons are supposed to deter crime. Besides policing, imprisonment is the only other generally accepted method for controlling crime by most politicians. Both the prospect of getting caught and the prospect of spending time in prison are supposed to deter forward-looking, rational potential offenders from criminal activity. Not surprisingly, the majority of released convicts find themselves back in prison within a few years. Consequently, the rate of admittance for prisons is rising steadily. In fact, in 2008, over 7.3 million adults passed through the US prison system. This averages out to about 3.2% of the adult population behind bars on any given day. To put this into perspective, the prison population on any given day is about equal to that of Chicago, the third largest city in the United States.

The sheer number of inmates in our prison system isn't the only problem: it's the standard of living that inmates must endure during and after incarceration. First, let's talk about basic rights, such as the right to live. Although the mortality rate of people in prison is slightly less than the overall US rate, the prisoner death rate becomes very high immediately after release. Many of the deaths are due to drug use, though homicide and suicide contribute to the increased mor-

ality rate. Furthermore, some states ban former inmates on parole from certain occupations, including nursing, physical therapy, and education.

Additionally, Bruce Western, a sociologist at Princeton University, found that people on parole who finally do begin jobs are paid around half as much as people with similar backgrounds who haven't been incarcerated. To top it off, felony convictions and drug-related offenses (which constitute the majority of convictions) render former prisoners ineligible for public assistance or public housing. That's kicking a person when their down.

It is established that leaving prison usually ends in poverty because of a lack of available jobs, services, and housing. In turn, poverty creates desperate situations that often lead to theft, drug abuse, and violence. Alas, these are the very same reasons why inmates were incarcerated in the first place.

Now you can see the vicious cycle the prison system creates. Of course there are other factors that can help get you into prison. The color of your skin, your gender, where you live, and what ethnicity you might identify as has a lot to do with it.

At the end of 2000 there were 3,457 sentenced black male inmates per 100,000 black males in the United States, compared to 1,220 sentenced Hispanic male inmates per 100,000 Hispanic males and 449 white male inmates per 100,000 white males. This relationship to race and ethnicity correlates with relative poverty rates within each social group; the adverse reality that a greater proportion of blacks are impoverished than the proportion of impoverished

whites. In this way, minorities are systematically more susceptible to the nets of the US prison system.

The prison system is more than just buildings; it's all the private businesses and organizations involved in the construction, operation, and promotion of the prisons and the services that they provide. Prisons participate in a prison-industrial complex that is motivated by making profit rather than punishing or rehabilitating criminals or reducing crime rates. This lust for capital has led to the growth of the prison system and number of imprisoned people in the United States.

The prison-industrial complex is comfortably situated between federal and private interests with everyone benefiting except for the victims of systemic incarceration due to racism, classism, and sexism. The outsourcing of basic human services has proven to be nothing but detrimental to the prison population. For example, privatization of medical care to businesses such as Correctional Medical Services has resulted in the minimization of care given to prisoners with increases in profits.

It is clear that prisons are not the solution for crime control. The United States has less than 5% of the world's population and 23.5% of the world's prison population; yet, violent crimes such as homicide are significantly higher in the US than any other Western country. The most humane way to deter crime is to eradicate poverty and provide socialized services for those who are currently disadvantaged and on the path towards prison. The prison system in the US cannot be fixed because it is not broken. It's just wrong.

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- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A Request To Stay Over Break Form must be submitted by every student who stays, including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, February 22nd. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call Residential Services at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Annual 5k adds to St. Patrick's Day parade

By ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

Allentown's charming West End neighborhood will host the second annual West End St. Patrick's Day 5K, Sunday, March 21, 2010, 12:15 p.m. The race precedes the 53rd annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

Online registration is available for \$23 through February 1 and \$28 thereafter until registration closes on March 14. No race-day registration will be available. Runners are encouraged to register early, as the race will be capped at 400 participants.

Runners may pick-up their bib and packet beginning 11 a.m. at Memorial Hall, Muhlenberg College, Liberty Street between 23rd and 24th streets. The 5K will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. at the corner of Berks and Liberty streets and loop through a course bounded by 19th and 25th streets and Liberty and Tilghman streets.

"Race proceeds will benefit the West End Alliance..."

After the race, participants can enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of Allentown's longest-standing traditions and the largest of its kind in the region. Live music, marching bands, and other local groups and entertainers will start parading at 1:30 p.m. from 19th and Liberty Streets, passing Memorial Hall at about 2 p.m. so runners might join hundreds of others in celebration.

Race amenities include post-race food and hydration, a commemorative T-shirt and indoor rest rooms, bib and packet pick-up. Awards will be given for the top three male and female open and master finishers as well as the top three male and female finishers.

Race proceeds will benefit the West End Alliance, a group of neighbors, merchants and organizations dedicated to Allentown's resurgent West End business district. Home to more than 100 businesses, restaurants and taverns, the West End Alliance hopes to promote smart growth in a walkable, urban neighborhood.

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choose what they'd like to pair with their entree. This way, they can help themselves to a cup of water for free and still get a side with their main entree." Finally, water coolers have been placed at all dining locations for anyone wanting some H₂O.

As EnAct and other students celebrate a victory, some expressed their concern. Ross Litman '10 said, "I understand the environmental impact of using reusable water bottles, but bacterial build up inside the container after repeated uses despite cleaning efforts could pose significant health risks. College students do not have the time or resources to thoroughly clean their reusable water bottles." Other students want water bottles back on the swipe as a matter of convenience while others complain about the slow speed with which the Hydration Station dispenses water. Maya Spitalnik '12 said, "I respect the initiative, but waiting outside the GQ in a long line for water as it drips out of the machine isn't the solution I was hoping for." Other students, though not particularly pleased, have accepted the changes. Steven Mintz '12 said, "I think it's annoying, but I'll get used to it."

"At present, we have no plans to expand upon the current Just Tap It policy initiative."

Tap-It policy initiative. We understand it's a brand new policy that will ideally result in daily behavioral changes from most of the student body, and that this change is something that takes getting used to." While no new plans are in the making for this generation of students, Imperiale hinted that future college students may undergo another round of environmentally friendly reforms. Whether for or against the changes, Imperiale advises, "...use this experience as a learning tool to take the environmental and societal cost of daily choices into consideration in the future."

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blacks the right to vote.

On Feb. 25, 1870, the first black U.S. Senator, Hiram R. Revels (1822- 1901), took his oath of office. And the list continues. As Dr. Carter G. Woodson said himself, "We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice."

So this February, enjoy the time spent with your loved one on Valentine's Day, honor our Presidents, and observe religious traditions, but do not forget Black History Month. Remember the history of African-Americans, whether you are white, black, or any other race on this Earth, because the every single person has affected the lives of those around them. And those around you have affected you as well.

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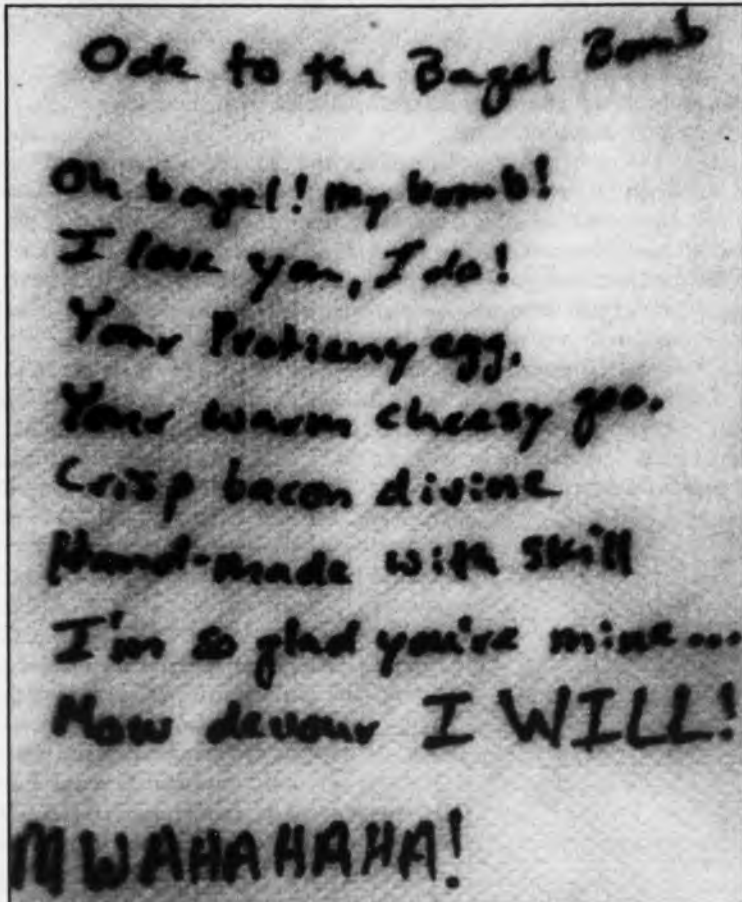


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Introducing the Napkin of the Week...

On behalf of The Weekly and Dining Services, this section of the paper will now feature a "Napkin of the Week". For years students have long delighted in leaving napkins on the bulletin boards in both Garden Room and the General's Quarters. Over the years both other students and administrators have commented on the creativity, the originality and the embodiment of 'Berg spirit shown in these drawings. Shown below are two recent representations of such student brilliance and feedback. We hope that our readers enjoy them as much as we do. When space allows, we will continue to feature more of these works of "napkin" art. If you find yourself inspired to follow in these students footsteps, feel free to post a napkin on one of the boards aforementioned. The best of the best (those representing true 'Berg spirit) will be showcased here. And now, for your viewing pleasure, the "Ode to the Bagel Bomb" and "Macaroon Maniac"...



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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, first floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 25 – Door Sensor Alarm – In the Haas College Center, third floor, there was a report of an alarm from the President's Office. Upon arrival the door was secure and the interior of the office was checked.

Jan. 25 – Sick Student – In Taylor Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Jan. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Jan. 25 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm due to steam from a shower.

Jan. 25 – Sick Student – In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick student. Health Center personnel responded and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Jan. 25 – Lost Property – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Jan. 25 – Smoke/Burning Odor – At 2626 Chew St., there was a report of smoke in the house. Allentown Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. There was no

further incident. A work order was sent to Plant Operations.

Jan. 26 – Motor Vehicle Accident – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident.

Jan. 26 – Check the Welfare – In East Hall, block B, second floor, students were concerned about a student's well being. Health Services were notified.

Jan. 26 – Larceny/Theft – In Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a theft of a parking sticker. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 26 – Lost Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Jan. 26 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 27 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of a student on student harassment. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 27 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found shirt. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the lost and found locker.

Jan. 28 – Sick Employee – In Walson Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick employee. An Allentown Officer called for an ambulance to respond. The Health Center was notified and responded. The individual was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 28 – Trespassing – In

Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a person from Union in the Garden Room talking to employees and would not leave when asked. An officer identified the individual and he left the area with no issues. A letter of trespass will be sent.

Jan. 28 – Harassment by Communication – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of student on student harassment. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 28 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Allentown Police Department issued an Underage Drinking citation to the student.

Jan. 29 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of students' keys and IDs stolen from Main Gate. A notice was sent to the campus community advising them of multiple thefts occurring at Main Gate. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2317 Liberty St., there was a report of vandalism to a shrub. It appeared as though someone ran over it. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 29 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of a stolen cell phone from Main Gate the night before. Allentown Police Department responded. A notice was sent out to the campus community advising them of multiple thefts at Main Gate.

Jan. 29 – Larceny/Theft – Off

campus, there was a report of theft of a wallet and keys from Main Gate the night before. There are no suspects at this time. A notice was sent out to the campus community regarding multiple thefts at Main Gate.

Jan. 29 – Harassment – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of past harassment and theft of property. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from the pull station. Upon arrival the system was silenced and reset with no further incident. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation found during the response to the fire alarm. The items were brought to Campus Safety and disposed of. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 29 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 2315 Liberty St. (MILE House), there was a report of a noise complaint. The house was cleared out of over 80 individuals. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued by both Allentown Police Department and Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 30 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – In Benfer Hall, second floor, there was a noise complaint. The room was cleared out of over 20 individuals. There was no further incident.

Jan. 30 – Injured Student – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student.

The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 30 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival officers also noted alcohol violations in the room. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 30 – Suspicious Activity – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an individual who entered a student's room. Referred to Residential Services and the Dean of Students.

Jan. 31 – Suspicious Activity – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, first floor), there was a report of suspicious activity. Allentown Police Department responded. The area was checked and the individuals could not be located.

Jan. 31 – Suspicious Activity – On Liberty St., there was a report of a suspicious vehicle. Allentown Police Department followed the vehicle until the suspect drove into Pennsylvania State Police territory. The individual was apprehended. There is no further information at this time.

Jan. 31 – Intoxicated Person – At 2263 Turner St., (building #2, third floor), there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 31 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

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Life!

"Your time is limited so don't waste it living someone else's life."
- Steve Jobs

Painters of Light: dancers in motion

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

The College Dance Program has undertaken a one-of-a-kind endeavor in restaging the work of modern choreographer Alwin Nikolais in this February's Master Choreographers in Concert. In addition to the prestige of staging *Crucible*, another exciting aspect of this 14 minute dance piece is the incorporation of multi-media and technology. The incredible, amorphous, psychedelic images created will be unlike anything seen on the college's stage.

The Muhlenberg Dancers will premiere their performance of *Crucible* as part of the Nikolais celebration featuring the internationally acclaimed Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company at the Zoellner Arts Center at Lehigh University, on Feb. 6. at 8:00 p.m. The Centennial Celebration focuses on tours of more than 18 colleges and universities, with tour director Alberto "Tito" Del Saz traveling to teach master classes, offer workshops, and restage Nikolais' dances.

Nikolais was known for his incredible pieces that included his own original musical compositions and inventive lighting and costume designs. Nikolais created all of the components of his work himself therefore, his pieces come together with a strident vision. According to Nick Flatto '10, a dancer in the production, "The dancing is definitely enhanced with these special effects as our bodies transform. We are no longer dancers in this piece, but painters of light."

A primary goal in Nikolais' work was to convey motion rather than emotion. *Crucible* is no exception. Dancer Nelle Ed '10 explained, "The bodies are not immediately identifiable as human; you will marvel at the shapes and images that are magically being created through the light effects and the mirrors. As a dancer, it makes me focus on what my body is doing, rather than what I am expressing. It takes dance and puts it back into the body."

As a dancer with vast experience working behind the scenes in theatre and dance productions, Ed has enjoyed blending the performing and special effects. As much as she enjoys the process, she notes the rigor of the work; "the mirrors are a difficult thing to work with, although the challenge is what makes it interesting. You have to touch them, or else there is a break in the reflection, but if you touch them too forcefully they will topple over and ruin the piece. It's a very careful balance."

In fact, the whole concept of the piece is a balance between the mental impetus for the movement and the movement itself. Flatto explained that Nikolais' work encompasses so much more than dance and necessitates a certain mental setting that requires the dancers to reach out beyond the studio and into real life. "With this idea of motion there is a deeper sense of every cell in your body working to create a beautiful and specific event." As Susan Creitz, a Theatre and Dance faculty member empathized, "we should feel the pores of our skin working to sculpt the space around us."

Sarah Carlson of the dance faculty described the effect on our dancers: "It has

been a real treat to watch our students breathe new life into a historical work. Tito's embodied knowledge of *Crucible* is tremendous. Through him, the dancers have had access to a wealth of nuance and memory that makes the choreography resonate with an expressive depth that is so exciting to watch. With each day, the students would absorb another layer of detail; with each run through they developed an increased understanding of the logic of the movement in their bodies."

Crucible will appear alongside six other pieces in Master Choreographers, a diverse range of dance styles including ballet, modern, jazz, and tap dance. Performances are Feb. 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m. and Feb. 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Empie Theatre, Baker Center for Arts. Campus tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the Box Office in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance.

The Artistic Director is Karen Dearborn, chair of the acclaimed dance program at

the College. Works are staged by professional faculty and visiting guest artists and performed by accomplished dancers representing the nationally recognized Dance program at the College. Distinguished guest choreographers for this year's concert include New York City based Nicholas Leichter, whose work was recently cited by BMAC Media in the "best of 2009" dance list, and Philadelphia based Meredith Rainey, whose choreography has been commissioned by the Pennsylvania Ballet, Ballet X, and Phrenic New Ballet. Ellen Troy Mulcahy, formerly a dancer with the Joffrey Ballet and Pacific Northwest Ballet, will restage divertissements from Paquita, a classical ballet.

The College dance faculty choreographing original works for this concert provide a trio of inspiring movement stories inspired by faith, challenge and revelation. Shelley Oliver, director of Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers, has created a new tap dance to the live music of the David Leonhardt Jazz Trio, and Assistant Professor Sarah Carlson has teamed with the College Gospel Choir for her newest piece which focuses on rebirth. Associate Professor

Charles O. Anderson, Director of Philadelphia-based Dance Theatre X, has made a powerful new contemporary work with a cast of dancers that is sure to leave the audience breathless.

The residency of Alberto "Tito" del Saz at the College has been funded by the Dexter and Dorothy Baker Foundation, which has been funding nationally recognized artists in extended residencies on the campus since 1991. Mr. Del Saz is a vital and important link in keeping the Nikolais-Louis repertoire and legacy alive through his teaching and directing.

Concert photos, choreographer and dancer profiles, and additional details are available on the web at www.muhlenberg.edu/depts/theatre.

For a taste of Nikolais' *Crucible* online, search Nikolais' *Crucible* on youtube.com to view a portion of the piece performed by Ririe/Woodbury Dance Company, the professional home of the Nikolais repertoire and a company frequently in residence at the College.



College dancers rehearsing *Crucible* in the Dance Studio Theatre.

PHOTO BY SARAH CARLSON

Creativity and Spirituality: the genius inside you?

BY MELINDA CLEMMER
ASST. PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

A small group of students and faculty gathered on the afternoon of Jan. 28 to engage in a discussion on creativity and spirituality, from a secular perspective, led by College alumnus and positive psychologist Louis Alloro. The group of about twelve sat on the stage of Baker Theater facing a large projector screen.

Before beginning the TED video cued up on the screen, each member of the group introduced themselves, indicating why they would label themselves, "creative

people." Not surprisingly, the creative talent in the group was diverse, ranging from a jewelry maker to dancers, actors, writers, and artists. Louis asked the group members to close their eyes, picturing a time when they were at a creative best, and then launched into a discussion about how inspiration feels and where it can be felt in the body. Meredith Stapleton, '13 described how it felt to be inspired to choreograph a dance she is working on for this semester. She felt restless and it was exciting; all of it "made sense all of the sudden."

Louis then shifted the group's attention to the TED

video on the projector screen, a talk by Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love*, who posed the challenging question of why creativity and suffering are so often and easily linked, pointing to examples of so many suicidal artists from the past.

The group decided creativity and anguish fit so naturally in modern culture because of the pressure to produce and to please others, among other reasons. Gilbert announced that she was not comfortable with the death rate of creative people due to the immense

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Signs, signs, everywhere there're signs

By E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

I know he is enamored of me because of the signs. You know, the "signs"?

As we learned from such movies as *He's Just Not That Into You*, the signs, quite frankly, are bull-crap and a chef salad. Yet we continue to "see" them, to pick them out by reading into every utterance and action.

Men, don't pretend you don't do this. (Actual conversation: first guy says he wants to tell Love Interest how he feels. Guy Two advises, "No, man, wait 'til she plays with your hair. That's love.")

I had to wonder just what signs are we seeing?

And are we reading them correctly?

I asked, first, how Ms. On the Prowl (thinks she) drops hints of her interest to lover boy. (Quick aside: Remember the days of middle school when it appeared to be much simpler? I asked my 13-year-old brother how he knew when a girl liked him. His words, verbatim: "I don't know. She talks to you a lot in school and just wants to be your partner and stuff." Those seventh grade girls are go-getters).

Things may not have changed much, though, as 18-22 year old girls may utilize any one of these techniques or more:

-She ignores him

-She singles him out in a group, talks to him more than others

-She flirts verbally, not physically. This may include being "fake mean".

-She flirts physically (touching on the arm, his hair, etc.)

That's all well and good, but does it match up with the

hints Mr. Hopeful reads?

These are the signs he's reading:

-She goes out of her way to be around him

-She looks to him in a group situation to see his reactions

Of course, I repeated the process in reverse, following up the first question to Ms. Understood with what signs she sees from men.

-He holds her longer in a hug

-He tries to be where she is

-He looks at her to see what she thinks and if she think he's funny

-He touches her a lot

-He compliments her a lot

-He plays with her hair

-He shows off

-He makes up excuses to spend time with her

-He invites her to hang out with him and his friends

-He asks her friends about her

-They enjoy awkward eye-contact (the look-away, look-back, look-away dance with the tentative smile included)

-He insults her

Mr. Suave said these are the signs he (thinks he) gives to his Lady Love:

-He tries to find a way to be in her presence

-He does almost anything to be around her, stand next to her in the group

-He makes an effort to talk to her more than other girls

-They lock eyes and "feel" the connection

Interesting to see the overlap and also the

misconceptions (ladies!).

Obviously, this isn't a complete list and there are a million variables (consider affectionate vs. non-affectionate personalities. If a non-affectionate person is touching me, drugs or strong feelings are involved).

I'm not exactly sure where the misunderstanding takes place. Can we chalk it up to unrequited interest and a small amount of projection?

Naturally, we want our feelings returned, so we try to find the confirming signals and ignore all the ones that repudiate.

Sorry to be the downer/voice of reason/killer of hope, but just because he agrees to go see *Legion* with you does not mean he sees this as more than an outing with a friend. And even if you study together twice a week and she shares her Cheetos with you, she might just appreciate your intelligence and company.

As someone who has a tendency to be blunt, I encourage all of you in these awkward "are we friends or borderline boyfriend-girlfriend?" relationships to (not confront) but tactfully approach your Object of Sexual Angst and clear up any confusion. Yes, it will be awkward, but maybe then we can stop wasting time reading into how often she touches you or how intensely he keeps eye contact.

As of yet, unfortunately, there is no universal, wink-nudge combo that wordlessly indicates interest.

So, until someone takes the plunge and says the magic words, (not abra cadabra, hocus pocus, please or thank you) "I like you," the awkward second-guessing shall continue.

Pistachio: a chic American experience



A taste of Allentown

By ALEX WELLS &
MELISSA GOLDENBERG
LIFE COLUMNISTS

This past weekend, we went out to dinner with a group of friends to Pistachio Bar and Grille. This restaurant is located at 341 South Cedar Crest Boulevard only a mile and a half from Campus. It was easy to get to, and it's a quick trip on Shuttle Steve's regular run. The restaurant has an upscale, modern-American feel to it, with chic lighting and interesting artwork, and is perfect for a nice evening out with friends or a significant other.

The seating area is large and accommodating, but we advise that you make a reservation if you're with a larger group.

If you're not hungry before you arrive, don't worry, reading the menu will definitely make you hungry!

The restaurant has an extensive menu with many fish, shellfish, meat, poultry, vegetarian, pizza, pasta, and salad options.

For appetizers,

we ordered Tuscan Hummus with fresh baked pita bread, and a bruschetta, caponata, and tapenade trio. The pita was very fresh and warm and was complimented nicely by the hummus, which was made out of a special Tuscan bean—a nice change from the hummus at GQ!

We also ordered a Bruschetta Trio, which consisted of three pieces of bread, one with bruschetta, one with caponata, and the last with tapenade. This appetizer is able to be split by two people, but we advise that these two people are fond of olives. Overall, the appetizers were liked by everyone at the table, and we recommend all of them.

Nearly everyone in our group enjoyed their entrees.

We all tried to order very different things to get a taste of a little bit of everything on the menu. We ordered Sesame Seared Rare Ahi Tuna with Wasabi Mashed Potatoes, Petit Fillet Mignon with a Crab Cake, served with Brussel Sprouts and Potatoes, a Caprese Salad, Penne Gorgonzola, and a Steak Salad.

The seared tuna was cooked perfectly and the wasabi mashed potatoes were fluffy and creamy with a light Asian fusion kick to it. The Ponzu sauce that was served

with the vegetables was absolutely delicious. The petit fillet and crab cake were delicious. The fillet mignon was cooked to perfection—medium well—and the crab cake was nicely crisp on the outside, while warm and soft on the inside, and was not too fishy, as many crab cake eaters worry it could be. The Caprese salad had the perfect ratio of cheese to tomato, and was not overwhelmingly cheesy.

The gorgonzola pasta was the only dish that was unsatisfying. Though it looked very appetizing, the sauce was rather overwhelming and had a distinct flavor that did not blend well with the dish.

Don't worry if you're not a fan of gorgonzola pasta, the menu is abundant with other options! The steak tips salad was tasty; the steak was juicy and flavorful and the greens were crisp and fresh.

Our waitress was very friendly and helpful. The food was prepared and served quickly, and our waitress made sure to understand our orders just as we wanted them to make sure we were satisfied.

One complaint, though relatively small, would be that we noticed our water glasses were not refilled as often as we'd liked them to be, and we had to ask for water refills couple of times. But it was a very minor detail.

For dessert, we ordered a slice of Mississippi Mud Cake, Bread Pudding, a slice of Carrot cake, and a slice of Apple Pie. The Mississippi Mud Cake was to die for! Made of a light yet satisfying chocolate mousse, this flawless piece of cake is lined along the bottom and the side with a chocolate cookie-cake texture, and topped with thick, rich chocolate. The bread pudding was reported to be amazing

by those who ate it; it was gone within moments and shared among many at the table. The carrot cake and apple pie were both served at a lovely warm temperature, and were enjoyed by all.

We all left feeling full and eagerly discussed our plans for returning to the restaurant, which we absolutely plan on doing.

For those who have not made their way to Pistachio's, we strongly recommend that you get around to it!

The food, though on the expensive side, is definitely worth its price, and is a refreshing change from greasy Chinese takeout or late-night pizza.

Grab some friends, call Shuttle Steve in advance, and take the night off for some classy and delicious food.

You deserve it!

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Ask the Panda Girl: advice column

BY THE PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Hey Muhlenberg!
I'm the famous Panda Girl. I'm sure you've seen me around campus, or read my napkins in the Garden Room. Well, I'm more than just a silly girl with a funny hat. I'm also known for being a rather intuitive and caring person.

Please, write to me with any problems or concerns about anything and everything. I have gone through my share of highs and lows, and have received counseling myself. I'm

not ashamed to admit that I visit counseling services here on campus on a regular basis. I feel confident I have some tools and tips to help you.

Be it homesickness, or feeling sick from too much GR, trouble studying to trouble sleeping, relationship nightmares or roommate nastiness, I'll provide a little outsider's opinion and advice to help your life at Muhlenberg be brighter.

Send your Ask the Panda Girl letters to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or mail them to Box 2072.

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pressure they placed on themselves and others placed on them, the idea that creativity is borne exclusively within the artist, a spark of genius.

A short history lesson by Gilbert further illuminated the group on her point of view: the ancient Romans believed a genius was a mystical creature which could visit anyone. It lived in the walls of an artist's home, giving inspiration.

According to Gilbert, this idea created a balance between narcissism and

creativity and creativity and failure; a piece of the praise or a piece of the failure was always attributed to an artist's genius.

This inspired a discussion among the group about those rare encounters with inspiration, with genius, that every member of the group had experienced, and a solution to the problem of pressure and creative people.

The job of being a creative person automatically becomes easier and more enjoyable once he considers that a great part of his beautiful creation may be

bestowed on him by someone outside of himself.

Why not return to the ideas of the ancient Romans and take the pressure off of today's artists by coming into conversation with inspiration, genius, God, or whatever a creative person labels that mystical feeling that comes before creation.

Here is the link for the Elizabeth Gilbert video which discusses the history of the Romans on TED.com: www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/elizabeth_gilbert_on_genius.html.

Question of the week:

"If dinosaurs were cars, what kind of dinosaur would you drive?"



"Diplodocus, because they're so nice."
- Caitlin Burgdorf, '12



"Pterodactyl...what better way to get places than by air?"
- James Gravener, '12



Ankylosaurus: the Hummer of all dinosaurs."
- Kevin Tomasura, '12



"A velociraptor: it could make a sweet call to announce my arrival."
- Renee Hopkins, '12



"I'd move to Venice and ride the one that looks like Lapras."
- Scott Kanner, '12

Courtesy of Rachel Brown

AMC Weekend Listings



Dear John

Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:30, 7:15

Edge of Darkness

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

From Paris With Love

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

The Book of Eli

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:30

The Lovely Bones

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 7:00

When in Rome

Fri. 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:45, 5:10, 7:50

Mark your calendars!

BY MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

Mark your calendars! The world premiere of "An American Tragedy" written by Charles Strouse, also known for "Annie," "Bye Bye Birdie," and "Rags," is coming to the College. It will be performed in the Baker Theater starting on Mar. 24.

"An American Tragedy" is based on the classic novel by Theodore Dreiser which is a detailed portrayal of the darker side of the "american dream" and is considered to be one of the most important works in the genre of American naturalism.

It follows Clyde Griffiths from childhood to adulthood who strives to break free from his strict missionary and religious background in Kansas City. On his quest to find more meaning in life and achieve better things than his parents did, Clyde gets a serious wake-up call when falls in with the wrong crowd, he discovers that the desire for wealth and status can overwhelm a person's moral sense, and he must pay for his actions.

Although "An American Tragedy" has previously been made into an opera, Strouse has taken the novel and transformed it into a compelling musical drama with a haunting musical score.

Don't miss this fascinating show.

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This weekend on campus

Thurs. Jan. 4

- 1) Making a Mark: The etching revival in the Martin Art Gallery from 12:00 pm-8:00pm
- 2) Author Kim Beverly appears in Seegers room 113 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
- 3) Students organized to stand with Haiti in Miller Forum from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Fri. Jan. 5

- 1) Making a Mark: The etching revival in the Martin Art Gallery from 12:00 pm-8:00pm
- 2) Snowtubing at Bear Creek from 6:00 pm-10:15 pm
- 3) Senior recital in Egner Memorial Chapel from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm.

Sat. Jan. 6

- 1) Making a Mark: The etching revival in the Martin Art Gallery from 12:00 pm-8:00 pm
- 2) Reception and gallery talk for Female Epoch in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
- 3) Stuff-A-Plush in Seegers Lobby from 9:00 ppm-midnight
- 4) M.O.T.U. founders of the College Hip-Hop Collective in the Red Door from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm

Sun. Jan. 7

- 1) Hillel student board meeting open for any interested memebers in Seegers rooms 109-110 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

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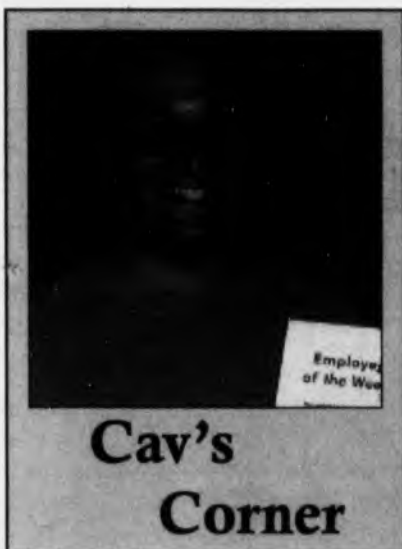


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Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

This past weekend marked the beginning of the Intramural Basketball season and it is already getting interesting. We've already seen some of the top teams losing, a double overtime game, and some blowouts from teams we didn't know could pull a blowout off. One thing is for sure: if the season continues to go like Sunday, we are in for one for the ages.

If you read last week's article you probably saw that I predicted the ManBearPigs to be the top team of the A division. On opening night we saw them suffer two losses. The first loss came to Kon Tiki who was led by the "CeCody" combination of Junior Matt Cecconi and Sophomore Cody Antonini. The two proved to be too much for the ManBearPigs to contain and they finished the game on top. Kon Tiki is 2-0 after opening night and is quickly silencing

the critics that said "Kon Tiki without Joe Gogel is like a Corona without a Lime: it's just not as good."

Later in the night the ManBearPigs suffered another loss to The Drew Howleywood Story led by Seniors Dan Fisher and Drew Howley. The DHS showed that they too could turn out to being one of the top teams of the division.

Sunday also saw a double-overtime thriller between the Buehlers and the FootBallers. It was back and forth the entire game until the FootBallers had an eight point lead with just a few minutes remaining. The Buehlers managed to tie the game up and send it into overtime. The first overtime was close the entire time and neither team was able to pull away. Junior Mike Katz of the FootBallers took over in the second overtime and led them to a victory. Both teams were very impressive

and this game just shows how even the A division could be this year.

The B division also had a great opening day. We saw So Soph and Still Clean get a victory and start what could be a championship run. We also saw two huge blowouts. The shorthanded Tazerbacks were blown out by the Ball Blasters. The Ball Blasters shot lights out and pull away in the second half. We also saw the all-freshmen team Super Smash Bros. win their first ever game by a landslide. The B Division looks like it might turn out to have a ton of good teams competing for a championship later on this season.

After an opening day like that one it seems like only positive things will come out of the rest of the season. The gym last night had a real sense of excitement in it. Everyone is excited for the season and judging by Sunday night, they should be.

Love watching sweaty athletes?

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Campus-Wide Forum to Discuss Muhlenberg's Next Strategic Plan

**Come see what the
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**Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.
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Women's Basketball team remains conference contenders

By VANESSA LANE &
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SPORTS WRITERS

Though coming off a loss to Hopkins, the Mules seemed unscathed when they played Dickinson on Tuesday with a score of 77-41.

Throughout the Hopkins game, Junior Center Sheila Cook sustained a concussion early in the first half of the game and with their back up center, sophomore Kathleen Naddaff already out, the team had no height or power to play in the middle. The Lady Mules recovered from their loss and came back refreshed.

The flame was lit as the team conquered Dickinson in every aspect of the game. With two losses in the conference it is imperative that the Mules keep their heads up and defeat the remaining in-league games that remain on their schedule. If this is done, then there will be no reason for them not to clinch first place. Currently there is a three-way tie for first between the Mules, Gettysburg, and McDaniel. With two big games left the Mules are looking forward to potentially hosting the CC championships and moving on to the NCAA tournament, but they must stay focused.

If they play like they did against Dickinson on Tuesday there should be no reason for the remainder of their season to stretch far into spring break. From an onlookers view in the stands, it seems that the Mules have everything pulled together. Communication was present, plays seemed to be running smoothly, and players seemed to have that smile on their face showing that they were certainly enjoying the competition.

The Mules did not begin the game as smoothly as they ended it; however it was

through teamwork and communication that they were able to pull through. The beginning of the game was a mess of turnovers and scarce points. Half way through the first half the Mules stepped it up and drained some three pointers to get the fire started, which propelled them to their more than 30 point lead.

We all know that Sophomore Chili can drain the threes whenever she wants, and as she does on a consistent basis she put them in throughout the game, not only to jump start the team, but also to add to the hefty lead. Freshman Alita Zabrecky had her best game yet, with a career high 14 points and 9 rebounds! I am sure Zabrecky is looking forward to dominating in her first CC playoff.

Adding to the outstanding play was junior Kelly McKeon who can always be expected to produce, as well as senior Alex Bates who continually connected with Chili to throw up points. Sophomore Kathleen Naddaff held a strong post underneath the basket and rarely let her girl get the ball. Even playing on an injury that was supposed to take her out for another four weeks did not stop the machine from dominating her opponents.

Even though there are still a few injuries being attended to, the Mules are excited and ready to defeat the remaining two teams on their schedule in order to conquer the CC's for their second year in a row. They all know that in order to make the NCAA's they must come out on top in the tournament. If not they would have to get a bid into it, and those are few and far between. In any case, if the Mules perform as well as they did Tuesday night, they are sure to walk all over both Swat and F&M to end their season at 14-2 in the conference. Go Mules!

The record breaking continues...

By GIL M. SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

Track and Field had an excellent showing at the College Invitational last weekend. The challengers included: DeSales, Delaware Valley, Albright, Alvernia, and Holy Family. Senior, Alex Faust continued her record breaking like most other track meets we have seen so far this season. Faust pole-vaulted 12-7 1/2 to win and hit the NCAA automatic qualifying mark, guaranteeing her a trip to the NCAA Division III Championships at DePauw University.

Faust is the first athlete in Muhlenberg history - male or female - to automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships in indoor track and field. On top of her record setting pole-vault; Faust won the 55 meters, tying the school record of 7.57 she set last year.

Faust was not the only outstanding finisher; the Mules combined for 10 first-place finishes. Freshman Tara Keegan made it look easy sweeping both horizontal

jumps; with a 10.19m in the triple jump and 4.81m in the long jump.

Freshman Amanda Brennan continued her qualifying performance from last week in the 55 hurdles, this week winning with a 9.41 and taking second in the long jump. Mallory Davis, also a Freshman, took third in the 55 hurdles.

Returning athletes also added to the Mules victories. Sophomore Nicolette Miller placed second in the mile, knocking more than 11 seconds off her previous best and landing her fifth on the overall Muhlenberg performance list. Right behind her was senior Jayne Condon debuting in the mile and placing third overall.

The Muhlenberg men had some victories of their own. Senior Brendan Kirk and sophomores Andrew Henry and Peter Rice all won events individually - the 55 hurdles, 800 and 400, respectively. When teamed up with senior Bill Ryan the team finished first in the

4x400 relay with a time of 3:35.10.

Henry came from behind down the stretch to capture the 800 by 32 hundredths of a second, while Rice provided no such dramatics, smoking the field both in the 400 and as the anchor of the 4x400. His open 400 time of 51.74 was a personal best, and he also finished third in the 55 meters with a time of 6.76 - good for a tie for fourth on the performance list.

In the field events, freshman Ryan Hellings won the pole vault, and sophomore Marc Brookland was second in both the long and triple jumps.

The excitement continues to build with the Indoor Track and Field team as they hit the road this weekend for the Frank Colden Invitational at Ursinus College.

Congratulations to the team and good luck to all competitors this coming weekend.

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Men's Basketball wins in OT; Foster makes history

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Saturday, the Mules (11-8, 9-3) won in overtime on the road for the second time this season, the first time they have accomplished this feat since the 1950-51 season. Senior guard/forward Ryan Foster reached a personal milestone when he made his second three-pointer of the game, the 150th of his collegiate career. Only 23 other Centennial Conference basketball players have hit as many threes in the history of the conference. Asked about Foster's record, head coach Scott McClary praised his abilities as a player, "Foster has really been playing well for us. Everyone knows about his ability to shoot the threes, but he has really stepped up his defense and rebounding... He has also become a more vocal leader on the team."

The Mules have won two straight games, earning them a share of second place in the conference. The team started its modest win streak with a win last Wed. at home against Haverford (6-12, 4-8). In the game, the Mules nearly surrendered a 16-point lead to the visiting Fords, but prevailed. With four minutes left in the second half, the Mules saw their lead fall to three points.

However, senior forward Obi Nwizugbo blocked a Haverford player's layup attempt, and the Mules held the lead for the rest of the game. Foster led scorers with a game-high 17 points, and sophomore forward Spencer Liddic had his eighth double-double (best in the conference) with 11 points and 15 rebounds.

The end of Saturday's game was just as thrilling. The Mules' last meeting with McDaniel (8-10, 4-7) was hardly an exciting matchup - the Mules beat the Green

Terror 67-40. Sat., the Mules dominated early, aided by Foster's five first-half field goals. After his milestone three-pointer, the Mules were up 27-11 (their largest lead of the game), with 5:27 left in the half. McDaniel answered with a 9-2 run, making the score at halftime 29-20.

The Green Terror came out of the half with a purpose, chipping away at the Mules' lead. McDaniel then went on another run of 15-5 to cut the Berg lead to a lone point. With 10:59 left in the game, the Green Terror took the lead at 46-45. Then, the McDaniel squad scored 10 straight points, but the Mules answered with a 13-3 run, taking a 58-55 lead with 2 minutes and 30 seconds left in the game. A Green Terror jumper cut the Mules' lead to one with less than 30 seconds left in the game. On the ensuing possession, senior guard Brian Frankoski cut through the paint and laid it in, making the score 60-57. But, with 12 seconds left in the game, a McDaniel player, smothered by Muhlenberg defenders, hit a difficult three to tie the game at 60. The Mules hurried the ball up the court and took a shot with two seconds left. The shot missed, but they got the board and put up a final shot which also missed, sending the game into overtime.

"When we got to overtime at McDaniel it was a tough pill to swallow," head coach Scott McClary said after the game. "We defended their final play really well and they hit a tough shot. [Going into the half,] all I tried to focus on was to stay positive and keep the guys thinking about what was next."

In overtime, the Mules dominated, starting it with a three by Foster, and never fell behind. The Green

Terror were forced to foul down the stretch, with the Mules hitting the clutch free throws. The final score was 73-68.

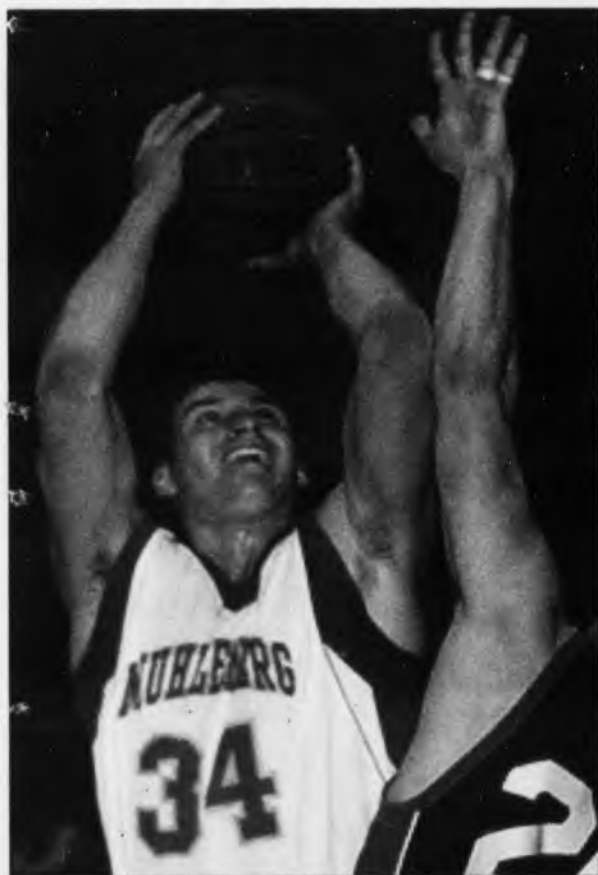
Liddic led the Mules with 21 points and 9 rebounds, coming up just short of his ninth double-double. Foster had 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Junior guard Evan Tozer also had 15 points to go along with two steals and two boards.

Although the Mules are still a talented team without ailing senior center Peter Barnes, they have certainly felt his loss, going 4-3 without him in in-conference games (opposed to 5-0 with him), and they have had to make adjustments.

"When we first lost Pete there was an adjustment period," McClary said when asked about Barnes. "We didn't play well for a few games. There isn't one guy to replace him. We had to learn to play differently and play with a smaller margin for error. One thing we did was to go to a lineup with both point guards in together... I try to look at the team as a different team all-together from the one with Pete. We had to learn what was the best way for this team to win. We are starting to figure that out now."

One thing is certain as the Centennial Conference heats up: the Mules cannot afford to relax down the stretch. "If we get beat, we will just get beat, it won't be because we overlooked anyone. We aren't good enough to do that," said coach McClary.

The Mules' next game is Wed. against Swarthmore (5-14, 4-8). Then, they go on a two-game road trip at Franklin & Marshall (16-3, 10-2) and Dickinson (1-16, 1-11).



Left: Sophomore Spencer Liddic led the game with 21 points; Center: Senior Ryan Foster drains a 3-pointer; Right: Sophomore Justin Greenstone seals the win.

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'Berg gives back: Haiti S.O.S.

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

The recent gathering of Students Organized to Stand with Haiti, which brought together students from various clubs on campus, has been working to inform fellow students about Haiti and the recent earthquake as well as to raise funds to send to the devastated country. More than sixty students came together to form Students Organized to Stand with Haiti, often referred to as SOS Haiti, and split into groups to focus on different areas of outreach.

As a part of their "Informational Group," SOS Haiti invited the College to attend the event last Thurs., Feb. 4. The event was intended to raise funds for Haiti as well as start conversation and educate students about life in Haiti both before and after the Jan 12, earthquake. The funds were contributed to Partners in Health, a partnership that has over 4,500 healthcare providers in Haiti and continues to send food and supplies in this time of need.

The event's keynote speaker, Anthropology professor Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat, not only had a wealth of research to share, but has been to Haiti himself. Students Andreea Sandulescu '10, Laura Thompson '10, and Julie Klein '12, members of SOS Haiti's "Informational Group," provided the crowd in Miller Forum with some introductory background about Dr. Kovats-Bernat prior to his presentation, which included a PowerPoint of statistical information and photographs from his time in Haiti.

Having first traveled to Haiti in 1995, Dr. Kovats-Bernat had a wealth of information about the day to day lives of Haitians, particularly Haitian children. He worked in Haiti's capital, Port Au Prince, which has since been devastated by the earthquake.

This particular natural disaster is far from the only tragedy that



Andreea Sandulescu '10 and Dr. Kovats-Bernat.

PHOTO BY ROSS LITMAN

has occurred in Haiti. It's location in the central of the Caribbean sea makes it incredibly vulnerable to natural disasters, including yearly hurricanes and earthquakes. Aside from naturally caused disasters, simple day-to-day life in Haiti is ridden with crime, violence, and sickness.

Dr. Kovats-Bernat presented devastating statistics, which were

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Senior moments: The Last Lecture

BY ROSS LITMAN
PHOTO EDITOR

In recent years, the College's seniors have been exposed to a variety of celebratory and experiential moments through the Senior Year Experience. The Senior Year Experience has been responsible for providing seniors with the necessary skills and information for their transition from the College to the working world. During the week known as "Senior Week," which culminates with Commencement, one of the more memorable events consists of a final lecture to the entire senior class by a faculty member of their choosing.

The concept of the Last Lecture was made famous from the popular book entitled *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon University, was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer and was inspired to give one final lecture to the student body at Carnegie Mellon. Since the runaway success of Pausch's book, many colleges across the country have been inspired to create 'last lectures'

of their own. At the College, our Last Lecture is a celebration of not only senior accomplishment, but also a chance for a faculty to impart final advice to the senior class.

In order to select a faculty member, students have been asked to nominate candidates from any and all academic departments on campus. Nominations will take place from Feb 1 - 18 and are submitted through the Senior Year Experience's website (Muhlenberg.edu/sye). After the conclusion of the nomination period, the Last Lecture Committee will vet the candidates and select a faculty member. A representative of the Last Lec-



Dr. Jeremy Teissere lecturing.

PHOTO BY ROSS LITMAN

ture Committee will hand deliver an invitation to the faculty member selected by the senior class. When asked about the significance of the Last Lecture, Cara Murphy '10 stated, "Many friends of mine who are graduates expressed their sincere appreciation for having such an event. In particular, they expressed fondness for the inspirational nature of Dr. Teissere's talk. It appears to be a 'can't-miss event'. Last year's faculty speaker was none other than campus favorite, Dr. Jeremy Teissere, who is the current director of the College's neuroscience program and

faculty advisor for both the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the Gay-Straight Alliance. Students are asked to please come out and nominate faculty as this event is one of the cornerstones of Senior Week.

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New Jersey gets high... legally!

On Mon., Jan. 11 the New Jersey state legislature passed a bill that made New Jersey the fourteenth state in the nation to legalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. The measure allows patients diagnosed with chronic, severe illnesses like cancer, AIDS, Lou Gehrig's disease, Muscular Dystrophy, and Multiple Sclerosis to be prescribed marijuana that has been grown and distributed through dispensaries monitored by the state. According to Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D), New Jersey has the strictest rules for medical marijuana in the nation. Doctors have a set list of illnesses only for which they can prescribe the drug. Also, patients are forbidden to use the drug in public and are also not permitted to grow their own marijuana. The drug is regulated just as strictly as powerful opiates like Oxycontin and morphine. Patients are also limited to only two ounces of marijuana per month.

We agree with New Jersey's decision to legalize the drug for medicinal purposes as long as the strict regulations are upheld. California is another state where medical marijuana has been legalized, but the regulations are not as strict. This has resulted in patients' ability to obtain prescriptions of the drug for common ills such as anxiety, for which marijuana is not needed because it can be treated with other medications. The loose regulations that California has placed on the drug have caused it to more or less become decriminalized. If it were not for the strict regulations that accompanied the New Jersey bill, we would be more skeptical of its passing.

While there has not yet been a move to legalize medical marijuana use in Pennsylvania, residents have expressed concern. There are worries that "pot shops" will spring up in Phillipsburg like the ones that have appeared in Los Angeles but Gusciora put their minds at ease by reminding them that New Jersey's treatment centers will only be allowed to sell the drug to state residents who present a special identification card. Also, the centers need a permit from the health department and operators of the centers are required to undergo state and federal criminal background checks.

With all of these measures of caution, we believe that this legal action could ultimately help millions of Americans.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly editors,

In response to last week's article, "And so it was tapped..." I would like to answer the question: "How have the aspects of the resolution been implemented?" My response is "Not well."

Last week, I had an experience, one that I expected to happen sooner or later. It was an experience that I had told EnAcT, the environmental club on campus, and my Student Government would happen.

As I was instructed to do, I filled up my water bottle at the "Hydration Station" before I went back to my room to sleep. At 2:30 am I woke up thirsty, so I drank the contents of my water bottle. Then, at 5:30 am, I woke up again still quenched for thirst. I reached for my water bottle, but discovered, to my horror, there wasn't a drop left. It dawned on me that I was stuck in my dorm without a source of water.

It has become clear that EnAcT lied when it told us students that water fountains would be installed in every dorm. Nevertheless, it is now Feb. and East Hall still does not have a single one. As neither the Life Sports Center nor Seegers are open all night, there was nowhere for me to get water.

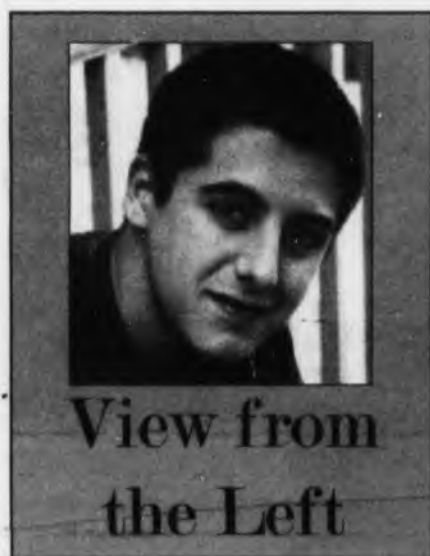
I have brought up these points to EnAcT Representatives and my Student Council Representatives, but my pleas have fallen on deaf ears. If I were able to swipe my water bottles I would not have been in this conundrum, as I would surely have had another water bottle on hand.

EnAcT lied to us: my meal plan did not get any cheaper, water is no more accessible than before, and Student Government has been disturbingly apathetic. I ask Student Government to work with Sodexo, Plant Operations, and the Administration to make water bottles swipeable again, at least until there is a water fountain or filter installed in every dorm.

Sincerely,
Ian Levine '11

Water is the es-
sence of moisture
and moisture is
the essence of
beauty

Patriarchy: the Super Bowl's real winner



ALEX BREIDING
OP/ED COLUMNIST

a Women's Studies textbook. Topic of the day: sexism, heteronormativity, and misogyny.

Although the Saints clearly won an exciting game of football, it was patriarchy who clearly won the night. Don't believe me? Let's set the scoreboard. Let's go quarter by quarter and examine the best and worst plays – commercial plays that is. For this game, we will focus solely on the commercials that directly addressed gender roles, sexuality, and standards of femininity and masculinity. Although this does not cover the nearly 100 commercials, it covers most of the advertisements that received the greatest hype and comments before and after the game.

Before the coin was even tossed, CBS rejected an advertisement from a gay men's dating service called ManCrunch.com, saying the "creative is not within Network's Broadcast Standards for Super Bowl Sunday." So from the get-go, the scoreboard is: Patriarchy 1, Equality 0.

Let's turn to the first quarter, when the greatly-hyped anti-abortion advertisement sneaked its way into the line-up. The commercial featured Tim Tebow and his mother, who discusses how she was recommended by her doctors while in the Philippines to abort her son due to health problems. Even though abortion was and still is illegal in the Philippines, Pam Tebow comes off as the hero who

blessed the world with yet another football star, while indirectly condemning the millions of legal abortions that take place every year in the US. To top it off, the commercial was made by Focus on the Family, a rabidly homophobic and anti-choice right-wing promotion group. The first quarter also featured the hypersexualized GoDaddy.com advertisement where women are ripping off their clothing to sell hosting for internet domain names. This objectification of women is neither needed nor related to the service that the company provides. Scoreboard shows: Patriarchy 3, Equality 0.

After an exciting first quarter, CBS pulled us into a series of commercials featuring people in underwear. The latter of the underwear themed commercials was especially problematic because it set the standard of what men should be wearing. Dockers took a proverbial stab at the "demasculation" of men by insisting that men "wear the pants." Not long after the underwear run, CBS ran probably the most offensive advertisement of the night. Although it was not obvious for the majority of the commercial, the advertisement was promoting the Dodge Charger, which apparently is only for men. Calling the commercial "Man's Last Stand," Dodge spent twenty seconds complaining about how men have to do things like work, be considerate, and clean up after themselves.

Naturally, Dodge blames women for forcing men to be halfway decent human beings. Finally, Dodge reassures men across America that through it all, they can force the women in their life to understand that getting a Dodge Charger is a necessity of manhood.

But that's not all in the second quarter. Before The Who can hit the stage like escaped convalescent home patients, Flo TV shared a way for men to escape spending time with their wives and watch the all-important football game. The commercial explains that the protagonist male has lost his spine (a.k.a. his masculinity) because he enjoys lavender scented candles and shopping with his lady friend. Consequently, the way for a man to regain his spine (aka his balls), suggested by the ad, was to get a Flo TV so that he could passive-aggressively watch his game while flagrantly ignoring his wife on their excursion, all while officially obeying her overbearing feminine demands he's powerless to resist overtly. To top it all off, the advertisement's narrator admonished the protagonist to "take off his skirt." I'm not even going to touch that heteronormative absurdity. Scoreboard check: Patriarchy 6, Equality 0.

The third quarter was uneventful in the game of misogyny, with a Parisian love commercial.

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Ever wonder what it is to be a man? Have you gone through your days in College searching for that essence of supposed masculinity? Well look no further than your television set; the ads during Super Bowl XLIV have set the standard of masculinity, and they are demanding that you all follow. For those who were looking to diversify their College education, you too should look no further. Watching the accompanying advertisements for the Super Bowl is like reading

The pill

BY KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The birth control pill has been a topic of much discussion since its inception in 1960. I am sure everyone is aware of the issues surrounding the pill like affordability and religious opposition but did you know that it has had an enormous social and cultural impact on the lives of women in this country? Combined oral contraceptives are used by about 12 million women in the United States. In addition to pregnancy prevention, regulation of menstrual cycles, and reduced risk of cervical, ovarian, and endometrial cancers, the pill dramatically changed the way women live their lives.

First of all, the pill was more effective than most established reversible methods of birth control. This meant that women now had unprecedented control over their fertility. The significance of this is monumental in that women could now break completely free of the stereotypes that constrained them to the household. Furthermore, with this newly established freedom, the economic roles of women changed dramatically. Since use of the pill prolonged the age at which woman traditionally first married, they were now able to devote themselves to their education and become more career-oriented.

Naturally, the pill's widespread and effective use spurred a heightened debate over the moral and health consequences of pre-marital sex. What had changed was that, before the pill, sex had never been so separate from reproduction. The spread of oral contraceptive use led many religious figures to debate the proper role of sexuality and its relationship to procreation. When it comes down to it though, I believe that no matter what your personal beliefs are on pre-marital relations and whether or not the pill perpetuates such tendencies, a woman has the right to her own beliefs and to choose what she does with her own body.

In any event, as I mentioned before, the pill drastically altered the social and cultural roles of women in this country and soon after the pill appeared, the public was beginning to take notice of its impact on traditional gender roles. Now, women did not have to choose between a relationship and a career. In fact, in 1974, singer Loretta Lynn produced a song called "The Pill", about a married woman's use of the pill to liberate herself from her traditional role as wife and mother. This was a significant change in the course of women's history. From the time of the first European settlers in the America, the woman's role has always been to tend to household duties, to take care of the children, and to be able to and willing to have children. In fact, during the 18th

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cial brought by Google, Megan Fox taking pictures of herself naked, and a Sumo wrestling commercial from a company that sounds like something from the USSR.

So let's enter the fourth quarter. Although most Budweiser commercials only condone the overconsumption of their beer, one commercial did so in a way that belittled women at the sametime. Titled "Two Ladies," this Bud Light advertisement got off with a bad start. The scene is set at a book club meeting of all women, intelligently discussing the plight that war takes especially to women. Among the snacks laid out for the meeting are a few bottles of beer, because women drink beer too. But the male protagonist feels like he should own the beers and distribute them, in turn vilifying them for focusing on the reading rather than the beer.

End of the game scoreboard: Patriarchy 7, Equality 0. The big theme this year was the tired sexist trope that implies not only that women rule over men with an iron whispering eye, but that they use their endless power to be screeching, emasculating harpies who hate male pleasure for the sheer fun of it. As seen by mass media television, the modern man, barely surviving a vagified assault, needs to consume a horde of products in order to revolt and survive the apocalypse known as feminism.

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The corpse is still breathing

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Though it is painful to pass up an opportunity to criticize President Barack Obama's error filled first year in office, his repeated foreign policy gaffes and general lack of a plan cannot be blamed for the death of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Unfortunately, the peace process has been dead for some time now; in fact it's surprising that Americans were unable to smell the corpses from across the Atlantic.

Obama has spent his first year in office behaving as the anti-Bush. When "W" demanded that terrorists be treated as enemy combatants, Obama opted to treat them as civil criminals. When "W" proclaimed Israel as America's primary ally in the Middle East, Obama failed to visit Israel on his two Official Visits - excuse me, official courtships of Arab and Muslim countries - to the Middle East. Despite the dramatic shift in policy, Obama and his all-star squad of special envoys and czars that make up his shadow government, have realized the same disturbing and hopeless truths that both Clinton - the former President, not the emasculated Secretary of State - and "W" have stumbled upon in countless attempts to mediate between Israelis and Palestinians. No matter what America or any other government tries, it seems attempts to broker a deal between the Israelis and Palestinians will be in vain.

Last week, when I was touring the "Green Line" - the term used to refer to the armistice lines between Israel and the West Bank - a former Israeli soldier and policy expert explained that an agreement is impossible because every rock, tree, and road is political. There are no outlines for a possible deal. In fact, past outlines such as Oslo and the Roadmap have become obstacles, as they are used as excuses by each side to act or not act in varying situations. For instance, when Obama and his foreign policy "wonks" demanded that Israel halt settlement activity in the West Bank, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made an unprecedented decision to put a year-long moratorium on settlement construction; of course, Mahmoud Abbas then demanded that Israel meet all of their roadmap obligations, among those, a complete freeze in settlement activity before he would resume peace negotiations. So why doesn't Israel abide by all of their roadmap obligations? As the Israeli government eloquently explains, because the Palestinians have not yet met their obligations - they haven't recognized Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state. The circuitous nature of excuses continues, and is pathetically displayed when each party has to answer to the big bad Americans and the nosey media, rather than the preposterous notion, of well, negotiating. So, what has really killed the peace process? The Palestinians have

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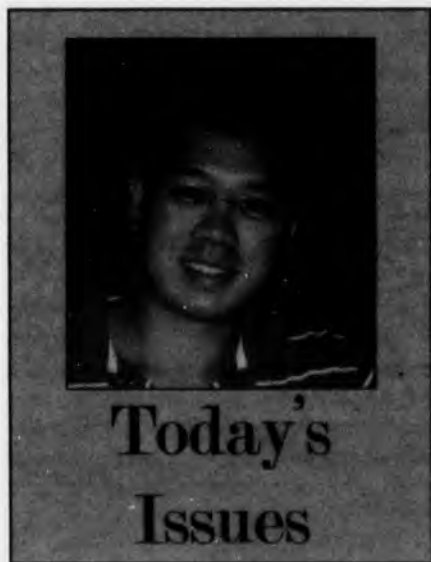
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A 535 clown circus!



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Sometimes it seems as though there are a bunch of buffoons voting on the House and Senate floors, conducting business in the committee rooms of the six congressional office buildings, and

occupying the hundreds of fully furnished offices of the Capitol complex. Recently, the media has been flooded with stories about the latest controversy or gossip on Capitol Hill. Without fail, our members of Congress seem to be either stalling or twiddling their thumbs instead of completing the work we sent them to do. It is safe to say that several of the past Congresses have been do-nothing Congresses.

This harsh assessment goes beyond partisan politics. Congresses controlled by both Republicans and Democrats have been, to say the least, lackluster. The American people have developed this pessimistic outlook on politics, especially Congressional politics, for this reason.

Members of both the House and Senate should be alarmed by the low opinion their own constituents hold towards them. According to Realclearpolitics.com's latest poll, the approval rating of Congress is 22.4%. An approval rat-

ing this low is an obvious sign that our Senators and Representatives are failing at their duty. Talking to ordinary Americans about Congress usually conveys a general message of disappointment and mockery. The Congress is supposed to be the most representative branch in American government, not the source of laughs and ridicule.

This harsh assessment goes beyond partisan politics.

How can anyone blame the American people for holding members of Congress to a high standard and then being dissatisfied when they fail to see noticeable results? Members, both Democrat and Republican, are notorious for creating to-do lists that are impossible to finish. We do

not elect members with the thought of them becoming professional promise-makers, but with the expectation that they will represent their constituents as best as possible.

Our Founding Fathers intended for the Congress to not only be the agent of representative government, but also a de-

liberative, hard working branch of government that passed quality legislation. Unfortunately, judging by today's Congress, the modern legislature seems to be focused on renaming post offices, altering names of executive departments (i.e. changing the Dept. of the Navy to the Dept. of the Navy and Marine Corps), and securing earmarks for local pet projects.

There are plenty of issues that are critical to the well being of the US and should be receiving the undivided attention of members of Congress. President Obama and the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate have an ever growing list of issues yet to be solved.

Members of Congress are attempting to tackle a wide variety of concerns, both domestic and foreign. Our Capitol has been preoccupied with health care reform and climate change legislation, changes in our financial services industry, foreign policy regarding Iraq and Afghanistan, and a resurgence in controversy over America's national security. This list will surely be extended.

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and 19th centuries in America, if anything was ever wrong with a child, if it was stillborn or if there was some other issue in where the baby was not absolutely perfect, the mother was suspected of engaging in witchcraft. It was thought that she must have done something on purpose and that's why such tragedy had happened. Also, a woman was looked down upon if she did not wish to get married or have children.

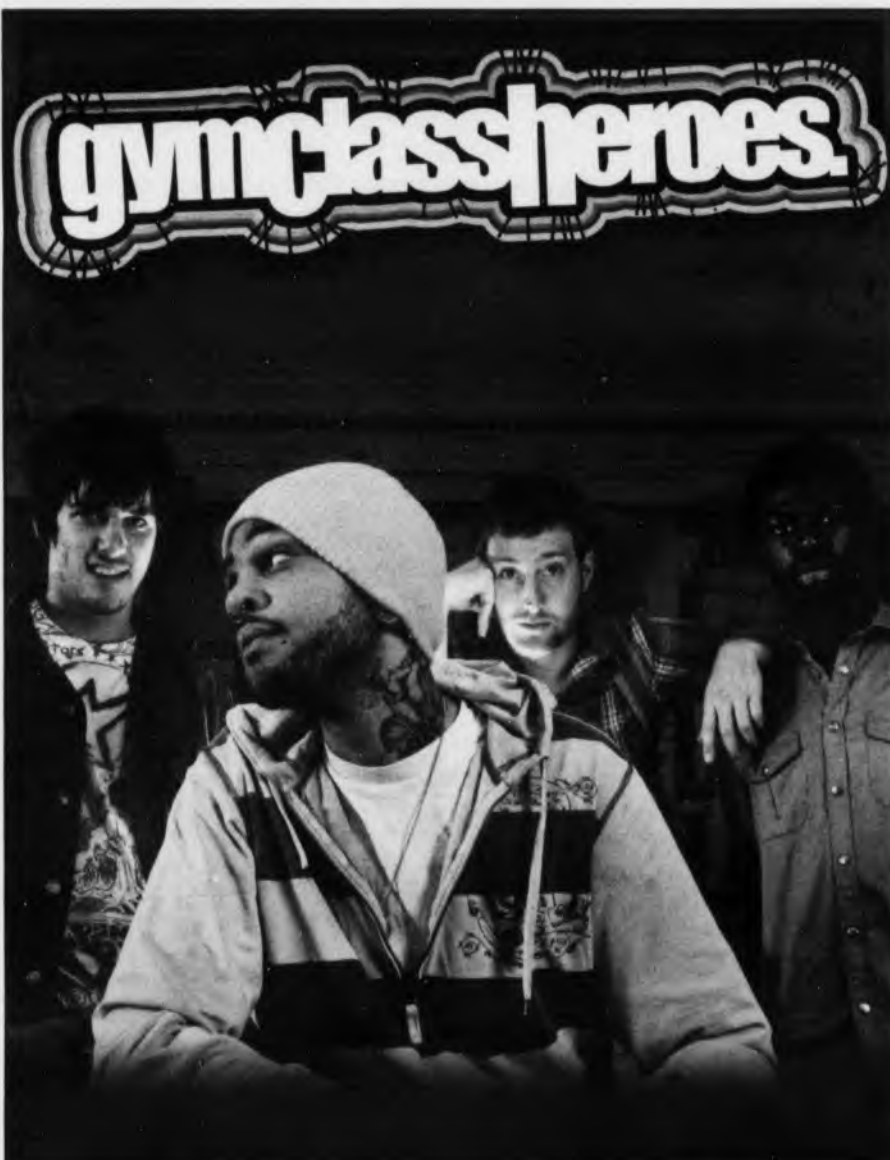
Now let's fast forward to the 1950s, a time that brings images to mind of the "perfect" housewife. The pill came about the very next decade and brought about immediate changes in women's social roles. The country wasn't eased into it; they were just hit with it. Thus clearly, there is going to be controversy. What I am trying to get at is that there's no denying the impact that the pill had on women's roles in society. From a feminist perspective, I am grateful for the pill in that it helped women to break out of their subordinate, housewife roles and started a new conversation about the rights and abilities of women namely in education, their career, and control over reproduction. Many people don't even think twice about opposing women using oral contraceptives today, which just shows how far the country has come in women's rights and equality.

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not yet been fortunate enough to have a leader that can both guarantee Israel's security and implement an agreement. Perhaps the most promising event in the last 15 years in the Israeli-Palestinian deadlock was Hamas' declaration of Palestinian Prime Minister Salaam Fayyad as a traitor for addressing an Israeli Policy conference in Herzliya, Israel - which by the way is not disputed territory and is recognized as Israeli land. Perhaps Fayyad could be that leader, as he has even produced a plan that is quickly being recognized as possibly the region's last hope. The plan would see both Israel and America - maybe even the European Union - recognize a Palestinian declaration of statehood, and afterwards Israel and the Palestinian state would negotiate borders, water rights, security concerns, and other terms of the agreement.

This would be a major step in the right direction, as it would signal a shift away from the armed struggle that has characterized the Palestinian movement created in the 1960s. Such a plan also incorporates the "bottom up" state-building as well as security, political, and economic peace as necessary stages to achieve a demilitarized Palestinian state. A declaration of statehood may also unify the Palestinians against the terror-based and reprehensible leadership of Hamas. The plan is not without risks, as it would alter the diplomatic model from a legally-sanctioned, negotiated process to a one-sided Palestinian agenda with far-reaching legal, security, and political implications for Israel, the Palestinians, and other states in the region. If the Palestinians declare a state, Israel would be freed from their obligations in the Oslo Accords, which might allow stronger and more practical negotiations to prevail or it could further complicate the process. Nonetheless, like anything in the Middle East it could also result in increased instability and armed conflict.

When the Palestinians are willing and able, they will find an Israeli government ready to make a deal. It is always the person who offers the message that gives the message credibility; so if you don't believe the Israelis when they say they want peace, just look at their track record. While the Israelis have entered and maintained peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, the Palestinian Authority has been expelled from Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia, and the Gaza Strip.



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Moyer Hall, Miller Forum**

Disruptive Conduct Policy Forum

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

The Disruptive Conduct Forum will take place on Feb. 22 in the Miller Forum. After issues arose with the policy last semester, President Helm charged the College Committee for Campus Life (CCCL) with the task of revisiting "the policy's provisions and propose changes that will make it clearer and fairer, as well as more effective". This open forum with the campus is an integral part of that mission.

The event is being co-hosted by the Center for Ethics as it ties into this year's theme of the ethics of speech and space in a community. The format of the event is designed to provide students direct access to those most involved in the creation and revision of the policy. A panel will be in place to answer and respond to student questions and concerns. Troy Dwyer, Chairman of the CCCL, will be the facilitator of the event to ensure open communication between both sides of the forum.

Each member of the panel will represent a different area of campus that is affected by the Disruptive Conduct Policy. Representing residential life is Jan Schumacher, the Director of Residential Services; Dr. Susan Clemens-Bruder of the History Department to represent the faculty; and Jonathan Falk '10, Student Body President, will be representing the students. Also on the panel will be an actual, as yet undetermined, neighbor from the surrounding community.

Dean of Students Karen Green urges all students to attend whether the Disruptive Conduct Policy has directly affected them or not. "We want the students there to have their voices heard," Dean Green explains. "Progress needs participation."

The Dean of Students Office implemented the original policy in March 2009 in an effort to maintain, if not improve, positive relations with the College's neighbors. This was hoped to be accomplished by limiting the "disruptive behaviors in the surrounding neighborhood" that undermined the College's relationship with residents. Administration fines were implemented against any students whose actions were forced to be addressed by Campus Safety or the Allentown Police Department.

Under this policy, a first offense results in a \$125 fine per person. A second offense merits a \$250 fine per person. The outcome of any additional offenses would be a \$500 fine per person. Students can be fined for any act that is deemed "so loud, untimely (as to hour of the day), offensive, riotous, or that otherwise disturbs..." and results in a complaint being filed.

"This is the chance for students to ask questions, voice concerns, talk directly to the neighbors and to have the neighbors understand the student perspective," says Jonathan Falk '10. "I'm someone who helps many students voice their opinions, but this is a chance for all students to tell the administration how they feel about this policy."

Our Nation's number 1 killer

BY SHANNON TOMLINSON
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

No, it isn't cancer. Nor is it automobile accidents. The number one cause of death in the United States is cardiovascular disease. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, in 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month." (Note this is not "Heart Month" or "National Heart Month.") Therefore, on Feb 1, President Barack Obama responded in a Presidential Proclamation.

It reads, "Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Its victims are women and men, and people of all backgrounds and ethnicities, in all regions of our country. Although heart disease is one of our Nation's most costly and widespread health problems, it is among the most preventable. During American Heart Month, we re-dedicate ourselves to fighting this disease by improving our own heart-healthy habits, and by raising awareness in our homes and our communities."

You may ask, "So what? I'm a college student I don't have to worry about heart disease." But the building blocks of heart health begin in youth-including exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet, and avoiding tobacco. And because obesity is a leading risk factor for heart disease, good nutrition and physical activity are crucial for anyone and everyone.

Obesity rates in children and young adults have grown considerably in recent years. Between 16 and 33 percent of children and adolescents are obese. Generally, a child is not considered obese until the weight is at least 10 percent higher than what is recommended for the height and body type.

The causes of obesity are complex and include genetic, biological, behavioral, and cultural factors. Basically, obesity occurs when a person eats more calories than the body burns. If one parent is obese, there is a 50 percent chance that the children will also be obese. However, when both parents are obese, their children have an 80 percent chance of being obese.

So this month, remember those who have died, those who are suffering, and examine your own risk. Do not forget the words of our President: "This month, we honor the health-care professionals, researchers, and heart health ambassadors who save lives and spare suffering. Every day, these dedicated individuals put themselves on the front lines of our fight against heart disease." Let us as a community maintain the same attitude.

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Hillel Board Elections

By MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

Hillel, the largest organization on campus, has started off the College election season. On Mon, Feb. 8, interested students gathered in the Great Room to hear the candidates speak. To make the voting process fair, only students who had attended three Hillel events, whether they were Jewish or not, were eligible to vote.

There were several changes made to this year's election process, all of which featured around one common element: increased formality. Just two years ago Hillel elections were held in round tables in the Miller Forum, where candidates spoke from whichever table they were seated at. Last year, the elections took place in the Red Door, which created a sense of informality that proved very challenging to the candidates and voters. According to Patti Mittleman, Director of Hillel, voter feedback from the previous election determined the need for more formality in the election process.

As part of this change, the election was moved to the Great Room where lines of chairs were set up facing an erected stage. Another move towards the formal involved a written statement that each voting member read and then signed. The statement reminded voters that they should only vote if they had actually attended three or more Hillel events. In Patti Mittleman's opening speech, she reiterated the importance of the rule and cited that "everyone should vote with their conscience."

The Hillel rules regarding elections require that the voting occur by highest-ranking positions first. This rule allows candidates to run for several positions in case they do not win their first choice. No matter the outcome, voting results are only shown in the form of the winner's name and never the actual amounts. Besides Mittleman, two of Hillel's finest were responsible for counting the ballots and revealing the winners: Dave Furman, Program Engagement Associate, and Jonathan Falk, Student Body President.

Finally, after a short delay due to a mismanagement of ballots, the time came for the elections to actually begin. Each candidate or pair of candidates was given the floor to convince the crowd of why they were the most qualified candidates for the position. The position of Hillel President went to Myah Blazar '11 and Jeremy Henowitz '12. The Vice President position was shared by Sam Blum '11 and Shira Kleinman '12.

The remaining elections were for the Vice Presidential positions in the eight different divisions of Hillel. Steven Mintz '12 and David Schutzbank '12 kept their positions as Vice Presidents of Finance. Sara Cohen '13 and Emma Taffet '13 won the position of Vice President of Records.

Ally Rothberg '13 and Ally Weinshank '13, or the self-declared "Ally-squared", became Vice Presidents of Fundraising and Alumni Relations. Vice President of Programming went to Elli Cohn '13 and Elana Silberstein '13. Michael Binstok '13 and Samara Roth '13 took the title of Vice Presidents of Publicity and Communications.

Two of the races were won uncontested. The first was for Vice President of Social Action which was taken by Lexie Rosenberg '11 and Maetal Rozenberg '11. Finally, Rachel Jakubowicz '12 and Ariella Weinberger '13 won the position of Vice Presidents of Israeli Relations. One final position, Vice President of Religious Affairs, remains vacant for the time being as all of the candidates earned positions earlier in the election process. Mittleman announced that the current election rules do not cover such an occurrence.

On behalf of *The Weekly*, we wish to congratulate all of the winners and Hillel, for selecting its new executive board! Please enjoy the pictures below of the new Hillel executive board.



The newly elected Executive Board of Hillel.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW PEARSON



Myah Blazar & Jeremy Henowitz



Samantha Blum & Shira Kleinman



Dave Schutzbank & Steven Mintz



Emma Taffet & Sara Cohen



Ally Rothberg & Ally Weinshank



Elli Cohn & Elana Silberstein






Samara Roth & Michael Binstok



Lexie Rosenberg & Ariella Weinberger

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 13	High: 31 Low: 16	High: 33 Low: 18

Napkins of the Week!



FROM HAITI | PAGE 1

mirrored by student-made posters in the lobby. With an incredibly dense population of almost 10 million people, Haiti claims a mere 52-year life expectancy, with 60 percent of the population lacking healthcare and 55 percent unable to obtain clean water. Unbelievable facts about skyrocketing unemployment rates (at 70 percent, Haiti has the highest in the Western Hemisphere), the erosion and desertification of the country (which is 98 percent treeless), and child slaves were accompanied by photos some of the 50,000 children who lived on the streets of Port Au Prince. And amidst all of these difficulties, Dr. Kovats-Bernat explained, violence has consistently been the number one killer of Haitian boys between the ages of 15 and 18.

Survival in Haiti, therefore, has always depended on people working together. Dr. Kovats-Bernat told the story of groups of children who come together every night, most of whom lived on the streets of Port Au Prince, to equally share whatever food they had managed to find over the course of the day. And even despite all of their difficulties, as Dr. Kovats-Bernat stated, "kids are kids, no matter where you find them." They still found ways to enjoy themselves on a daily basis, appreciated what little they had.

All of this, the Haiti that Dr. Kovats-Bernat once new, has been devastated. "Everything that Haitians knew is gone," he explained, showing pictures of crumbled cathedrals and the collapses Presidential Palace and UN Headquarters. Even the National Cemetery is nothing but rubble. Haitians are evacuating to tent cities and the Dominican Republic, but their future is constantly in question.

Even before the earthquake, Dr. Kovats-Bernat explained, Haitians were well aware of their impoverished state. They have never asked to be removed from it, but simply for poverty with dignity. The more that we can send said to our neighbors in Haiti, the faster we can help them to gain that dignity. "Haiti is at a crossroads where it can change now," Dr. Kovats-Bernat stated, continuing to say that maybe by rebuilding the lives of the people in Haiti, the country can finally be liberated.

Following Dr. Kovats-Bernat's speech, a screening of a video put together by Partners in Health in Haiti, known there as "Zanmi Lasante" was held. Many students

were inspired by the film and the preceding talk to make monetary donations to Partners in Health. SOS Haiti plans to host additional events to fundraise and raise awareness on campus, including a campus-wide carnival on Feb 25. The event will be held in Moyer Hall, Miller Forum from 4:30 to 8:30 pm. Students interested should contact Andreea Sandulescu '10 or Stephen Holden '10 for more information.

This Week in History:

881 - Pope John VIII crowns Charles the Fat, the King of Italy: Emperor

1849 - James K. Polk became the first President to have his photo taken.

1914 - The first stone of the Lincoln Memorial was put into place.

1938 - BBC Television produced the world's first science fiction TV program and coined the term "robot".

1964 - The Beatles held their first concert in the United States in Washington, D.C.

2000 - The last "Peanuts" comic strip appeared in newspapers the day after creator Charles Shultz passed away.

2006 - Then-Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot Harry Whittington while hunting quail.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 1 – Sick Student – In the Life Sports Center, outside of a classroom, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Feb. 1 – Found Property – On Liberty St., a reporting party turned in a found set of keys. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, a student picked up a found item.

Feb. 1 – Found Property – In the Center of the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 1 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found wallet. The wallet was returned to the owner.

Feb. 2 – Muhlenberg College Codes Violation – At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of an electronic communication policy violation. An investigation will continue.

Feb. 2 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of a hit and run. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walz Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Allentown Fire Department responded. Upon arrival nothing could be found to activate the system. A second alarm came in after clearing the first alarm. An electrician was notified to respond. There was no further incident.

Feb. 3 – Unsecure Area – In Seegers Union, lower level, someone reported doors in the building to be not secured. Officers from Campus Safety secured the doors. There was no further incident.

Feb. 3 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 3 – Sick Student – In Trumbower, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Feb. 3 – Institutional Vandalism – In the New Science Building, there was a report of vandalism on the exterior of the building. It was graffiti. Plant Operations was notified to respond and remove the graffiti. There are no suspects at this time.

was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 5 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of theft of money. There are no suspects at this time. An investigation will continue.

Feb. 5 – Found Property – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a found credit card sent to Campus Safety through interoffice mail. The owner was unable to be notified. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 6 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found debit card. The owner was identified and picked up the card at the Campus Safety office.

Feb. 6 – Harassment – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of harassment of a student by a non-student. The student was harassed and punched by a non-student visiting another student. An investigation will continue. A letter of trespass will be issued to the non-student.

Feb. 7 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to the ATM machine. The alarm company was notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 7 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 318 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking activities. The system was silenced and reset with no further incidents being reported.

Feb. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking activities. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

The Weekly would like to extend our gratitude to Campus Safety and our student EMS members. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Feb. 4 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS also responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 4 – Disruptive Conduct – Off campus, there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Disruptive Conduct Reports will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 5 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there

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Life!

"Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued."

- Socrates

Students invited to audition for Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre

BY JOCELYN GAMMON
LIFE WRITER

This summer marks the 30th Anniversary Season of the College's Summer Music Theatre – Broadway at Home in the Lehigh Valley. Since its founding in 1981 by Artistic Director, Charles Richter, MSMT has presented original stage productions representing the best of the American Musical Theatre. Over the past 30 years, the Theatre has successfully built a professional working environment for thousands of professional and emerging artists as well as expanded the creative experiences of hundreds of young people.

MSMT is currently seeking actors for its 30th season and encouraging College students to audition. You do not need to be a theatre or dance major to audition. The 30th Anniversary Season includes: Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* (Jun. 16-Jul. 3, Empie Theatre), the Broadway hit, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Jul. 14-Aug. 1, Baker Theatre), and the musical for children, *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* (Jun. 23-Jul. 30, Studio Theatre).

Preliminary adult vocal auditions will be held Sun., Feb. 28, from 12pm-6pm, and Mon., Mar. 1, from 6pm-11pm in the Empie Theatre, Baker Center for the Arts. If interested in *The Mikado*, please prepare no more than 32 bars of one memorized, legitimate song from an opera, operetta, or classic Broadway musical. No belting, please. If you are interested in *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, please prepare no more than 32 bars from a Broadway show written after 1975. If you are interested in both songs, please prepare two songs.

The musical directors request that you do not sing songs from either of the shows themselves. You must bring sheet music in the key in which you would like to sing; (no accompaniment tapes). An accompanist will be provided for the vocal audition;

please clearly mark any cuts in your music.

Those wishing to audition must send an email to boxoffice@muhlenberg.edu before Fri., Feb. 26th to secure an audition time. In your email please specify which date you are available and provide a cell phone number where you can be reached. You will receive a confirmation email with the date and time of your vocal audition.

If you receive a callback, you must attend the callbacks to be considered for the role. Callbacks will be held on Mar. 14.

All performers are paid an honorarium for their participation in MSMT. Salaries typically range from \$400-\$500 for a first-year participant in a chorus role in a show, with higher salaries available for speaking roles. Please note that this figure is a total salary figure, not a weekly figure. Campus housing is provided.

Each year, Muhlenberg Summer Music Theatre employs up to fifty technicians, costumers, and administrative personnel. Carpenters, electricians, and properties people are needed for the productions as well as running crews, light board operators, sound board operators, and backstage crews. Costumers, first hands, stitchers, and wardrobe running crew members are needed in the Costume Shop. Box office associates, house

managers, and publicity/PR people are needed in the Administrative Offices.

Technicians and administrative salaries vary depending upon the position, though first-year carpenter/electricians and costume shop personnel start at \$1000 for the summer. Free dormitory housing is provided.

The application deadline for technicians, costumers, and administrative personnel is Mar. 1. Technical or administrative internship applications can be found online at www.SummerBroadway.org. Please send completed applications via email to boxoffice@muhlenberg.edu.

Over the past thirty years, the theatre has successfully built a working environment for thousands of professional and emerging artists as well as expanded the creative experiences of hundreds of young people.

A guide to not getting lost in the "Lost" premiere

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

Warning to all readers.
This article contains
information about the

season six premiere of *Lost*. If you are new to the show, thinking about watching it for the first time, or have yet to see the premiere you should not continue to read past this point. You have been warned.

If you tuned in to the season premiere of "Lost" last Tuesday, you were not alone. In fact, you were just one of 12.1 million viewers who watched the two-hour season six premiere. For the first time since its second season premiere, "Lost" managed to actually climb in the ratings from the year before. This is no surprise to long time TV lovers who have seen such phenomena in the final season of other shows. We all know what a ratings boost it was for 7th Heaven when the WB began marketing the so called "final season" of the show. It earned so many new viewers that the network renewed the show for yet another season.

Already the message boards and fan sites are lighting up with new theories as to what is going on in the wonderful world of *Lost*. Students here at the College were buzzing all week about their favorite characters and more. Most of all, people are debating over the new clues that the premiere offered the viewership. To consolidate this new information, and give you the most accurate interpretations available we have provided a guide to the lost season premiere.

Jacob and the "Man in Black." At the end of the season five finale, viewers saw the arrival of two figures on a beach; Jacob and a mysterious man in black. The scene was meant to remind viewers of a certain Ingmar Bergman film called *The Seventh Seal* which depicted death playing chess with a knight. This iconic image has been repeated throughout film history as a symbol of good versus evil. Clearly the "Lost" producers were

showing the audience that Jacob and the "Man in Black" were meant to fill these same roles.

Furthermore, we know that they really are characters that have supernatural presence. Jacob has been invisible for several seasons now, only taking physical form when in the image of a deceased person. He also has religious followers who we were first introduced to as "The Others." There is significant evidence to suggest that Jacob was originally worshipped in ancient Egypt as a god. The so-called "temple" that the castaways visit through the years has Egyptian hieroglyphics on the walls. The main symbol featured in correlation with Jacob is the Egyptian Ankh, which is the symbol for "eternal life".

The question then becomes that if Jacob is a god-like figure, whose symbol is the ankh, then how did Jacob die in the season five finale? Clearly it was not so simple for the "Man in Black" to kill Jacob. If it had been, then the "Man in Black" would have escaped the island long ago. The assassin needed to be a loyal follower of Jacob in order to mortally wound him. Enter Ben.

The smoke monster that has terrified the castaways since the series premiere was revealed to be the "Man in Black" when out of human form. Clearly the island has been imprisoning the monster since ancient Egyptian times. The main theory is that Jacob was placed on the island as the guard to this prison. The "Man in Black" stated several times that, now that Jacob has passed, he wants off the island.

Further evidence of the "Man in Black's" threat to Jacob is the reaction of Jacob's disciples to the news that Jacob is dead: instant panic. A circle of black sand was drawn around the temple, which seems to repel the smoke monster. Unfortunately, it does not stop the monster from throwing objects like boulders at the temple. Good luck to the "Others."

The Two Realities. Many viewers were surprised to see two versions of events unfolding over the course of the premiere. The first continued where the previous seasons had left off, with the castaways still stuck on the island and running from mysteries that they don't understand. The second version of reality reset everything and had the castaways landing in America without ever crashing on the island.

The reason for this lies in the season five explanation of time travel, a significant element of the show. According to several characters of *Lost*, time is an ongoing line. When the castaways changed their fate by exploding a hydrogen bomb on the island, they created a second timeline in which they never landed on the island.

However, their current reality continues on. The only character even remotely aware of the success of their time-changing efforts was Juliet, who died without getting to explain it to Sawyer. Hopefully her message will eventually be realized by Miles, who brought her dying words back from beyond the grave.

Tune in to ABC every Tuesday at 9 pm to see how it all ends.



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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

By PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl,

I always wait for guys to make the first move but I think most of the quality guys are too shy or nervous to be the first to flirt. I'm sick of just waiting around for a guy to talk to me and I want to make the first move if they can't. The problem is I'm a little shy myself and I'm inexperienced with guys. How do I get up the courage to flirt first while not seeming too pushy or forward or accidentally giving the guy the wrong impression?

Sincerely,
Meek at Muhlenberg

Dear Meek at Muhlenberg,

You sound like a smart cookie, Meek, because you already see some things many people do not realize. You understand your own shyness is getting in the way, and you also understand that, men are just as shy and nervous when it comes to flirting as girls are.

The best way to find courage to make that first step is to really assess yourself and gain confidence in who you are. Guys love a girl who can approach them and say "hi, I know who I am, now I want to know who you are" (not literally of course). If you know who you are and what you want to emphasize when you meet new friends, the confidence will come naturally, and you won't need to worry over saying the wrong thing.

Let's face it; if the guy isn't interested in who you are, he's not worth it, so why show him anything other than the real you? Try sitting back and listing some of your favorite qualities about yourself. Remember these qualities to give yourself that

extra boost when you are in a group, and want to approach a special someone. Or give this list a code name that when you think it, it gives you that shot of self esteem and a smile. I use this technique myself, my code word being panda (hence my nickname).

Another important note is to keep in mind is friendship first. Try to establish a friendly connection rather than a flirtatious one. After all, you want a man who you actually enjoy spending time with for reasons other than his manly (ahem) talents. Taking the thought of awkward flirtation out of it can help you feel much calmer.

I wish you oodles of luck,
Panda Girl

This week's advice for all:

Valentine's Day is this Sunday.

It means different things to different people. I congratulate those who plan on spending it with frolic, fun, and friends. I smile at those who are planning to spend some romantic time with loved ones.

And I remind all of those spending it alone: do not despair! Valentine's Day is a day of love, be it between lovers, friends, or family. Instead of moping about, gather with friends and bask in the love of friendship.

If you must be alone, spend it simply loving yourself. Watch a favorite movie, eat your favorite snacks, and curl up with your favorite book.

There are all different kinds of love in this world, be sure to enjoy every facet of it.

Write for Life!

Do you go to campus events? Do you have time to write about them?
Contact Melissa Roth at mr237786@muhlenberg.edu

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Feb. 11

1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from Noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

2) A Single Man from 7 pm-9 pm at the Civic Theatre

3) Writers at Work: Marie Howe from 7:30 pm-9 pm at the Hoffman House

4) Master Choreographers from 8 pm-11 pm in the Empie Theater

5) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

6) Secret's Out! from 9 am-5 pm in Seegers lobby

Fri. Feb. 12

1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from 12 noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

2) Valentine's Day Cake Decorating from 3 pm-4 pm in the Seegers lobby

3) Snowtubing at Bear Creek from 6 pm -10:15 pm

4) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm

in the Center for the Arts Galleria

5) Senior Recital, Jamie Rosenblum, Soprano from 7:30 pm-9 pm in Sgaer Memorial Chapel

6) Secret's Out! from 9 am-5 pm in Seegers lobby

7) Housing Lottery fundraiser from 10:30 am-7 pm in Seegers lobby

Sat. Feb. 13

1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from Noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

2) Master Choreographers from 8 pm-11 pm in the Empie Theater

3) Student Performers from 8 pm-midnight in the Red Door

4) Secret's Out! from 9 am-5 pm in the Garden Room

Sun. Dec. 13

1) Faculty concert from 8 pm-10 pm in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall

2) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

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A Sextbook (of sorts)

BY KEVIN TOMASURA
LIFE WRITER

hard times with hard copies. In an age of increasing accessibility, personal publicity and a plethora of painfully prevalent (and precipitously less clever) portmanteaux, who needs Anderson Cooper to tell us of troubles in Haiti when can hear those same twoubles through Kelly Clarkson's Twittering of benefit concerts? Who needs Rupert Murdoch when we have Mark Zuckerberg and a bunch of his friends? Who needs snail-mail in age where even AIM is becoming archaic? Who needs Ansel Adams when photography is to each his own, and own a Cybershot and Tumblr he must. And who ever needed Bill O'Reilly in the first place? But above this all, at this point, who needs me? Who requires a sex columnist to chisel his mark in ink and paper when every man, puppy and non-amish American has a cell phone stuffed in their pockets? Who wants to read something that doesn't light up, vibrate, or have an interactive koi pond upon your every beck and call? Who wants to read about someone else's sex on text when they can cleverly combine the words and just sext it themselves?! Certainly not you.

For those who don't own a TV, have an internet provider, read magazines, have friends above the age of ten or lack the coexistence of a phone and common sense, and thusly lack understanding of the intricacies or appeal of this rising trend, let me explain. Sexting, as offered by my esteemed colleagues at UrbanDictionary.com, is defined simply as "using digital technology [to send] an image, video or text message of an explicit (adult) or risqué nature to another individual", defined stupidly as "where a guy (or girl) sends nude pictures of themselves back and fourth, or once. Personally I think the worse that could happen is the person show someone, but that's really it. The media is making out to be something so horrible that all kids could face sexual assault charges and shit like that. Literally only a few kids are caught, and it happens day to day to a thousand teens", and defined greatly biased as, "A stupid media term, that has the entire world going insane because the media is making it out to be the worst thing in the world, but honestly no one can do any harm to it". Regardless, sexting is all the rage these days.

For those clinging to the last remnants of Victorian society, and haven't yet embraced this messianic method of communication, the last bastion of hope is to fight fire with fire. A resistance is forming, and after years of covert operations in cultivating sexy decoy personalities on Myspace and seemingly innocuous friend requests on Facebook, parents are finally ready to fight cybersex in its own backyard. Groups such as the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication v. 2.1 or I.R.O.C. 2 are ready to kick some serious sexting ass! Utilizing the same communication outlets that sexters have notoriously used now and in the past,

I.R.O.C. 2 is the narc of the anti-sexting organizations. With pages on Myspace, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Open Salon and Squidoo, as well as the filthy sext-filled cesspools that are Delicious Bookmarks and the Cruisin' Community sites, I.R.O.C. 2 is taking back the web. With its brilliant campaign, eloquently entitled "Sexting is Stupid!", I.R.O.C. version two is back with a vengeance after its failed attempts with the "Sexting is Not Cool" campaign of the ill-fated I.R.O.C. #1.

Marked with the unquestionable authority of the I.R.O.C. 2 safety lab seal of approval, these sites wow their viewers. Using ultra-realistic digital avatars with the volume pumped all the way up, the Institute's Myspace uses shock value to get the kids to drop their phones and get in line! The page, registered not ironically at all as a 33-year-old man from New Jersey, teaches kids digital responsibility in what they do and who they talk to on the internet. Impressively, the page has garnered the unflinching friendship of such big names in politics as Barack Obama, Joe Biden, Ron Paul and Kiefer Sutherland. And that's just the Top 4! The Cheetah Girls, Ashlee Simpson, Hilary Duff, William Shatner, the Jonas Brothers and Lionel Richie all stand behind this noble institution. Even Michael Jackson throws a posthumous two thumbs up! With that kind of big celeb support, it is no wonder that I.R.O.C. 2 is a household name.

Recently, I.R.O.C. 2 has garnered attention for its controversial tactics. Known for their heavy-handed approach, the Institute uses methods such as their notoriously effective responsibility quiz. With such questions as "Were you ever irresponsible either as a kid touching a hot stove, or smoking (underage), or drinking underage, or trying drugs?", "Have you ever been irresponsible or brake* (spelling courtesy of I.R.O.C. 2) the law as an adult (e.g. speeding, running a red light, missing work for no reason)?" and "Have you ever posted your status on Facebook or another web page (private or public) as 'On Vacation', 'Traveling' or 'Out?'", this quiz declares that answering yes to any question means "your life may have been over at a very young age".

That's right, missing work can be deadly to young people. These scare tactics have been proven effective in battling the primordial desires inherent in sexting. Besides these valuable resources, I.R.O.C. 2 also helps unsure visitors decide whether they are stupid or not. Clicking on the "Are You Stupid?" tab brings up a comprehensive checklist that can be done at home or at work! It goes something like this, "if you take or post any picture, video, or text message on a cell phone, computer, or web cam that would make your parents, friends, or co-workers look like this, then YES... YOU ARE STUPID!" Most of all, I.R.O.C. 2 reminds us all of the fundamental truth at hand: whenever and wherever you sext, remember, "you can never unplug the internet!" Unless you use a landline.

But, you don't have to take my word for it! Check it out!

L-O-V-E

BY E.M. LISSENING
LIFE WRITER

real, 20-ish aged people think about love.

Unfortunately, I was unable to speak with anyone who completely disagreed with the idea of love.

So, true love. Does it exist? Is there such thing as "soul mates" - as one person "fate" has destined us to be with forever? And the most difficult question of all: how do you know when you've found it?

Do you believe in true love?

A resounding "yes" from all interviewed. A couple of the females qualified, "True love is rare. It takes time, communication, and complete understanding of the person and his nuances."

Introduce the concept of "soul mates", however, and you get:

"That's a nice concept to have, but I'm not sure a one-person destiny exists."

"Everyone may have a soul mate, but how you find him, how you deal with or follow through with it changes things."

Two out of the three girls I spoke to believed in soul mates. But only one of the three guys I spoke to admitted that he believed in soul mates. However, I would venture to say that one of the girls did not necessarily believe that everyone ends up with his or her soul mate.

When asked to describe how this phenomenon comes about - how true love makes itself known - nearly all of them said, "True love is indescribable. It's how you feel." And other variations on the theme: "You can't go out looking for true love; it just happens." Another described that you'll know if it's "the person you like the most, like spending time with. The person who makes you happiest, so that you don't want to spend time with anyone else. You feel like you're in the right place."

One girl said, "True love comes through trial and error and balance. It can't all be smooth sailing; there has to be some conflict to prove you can survive through thick and thin. So, of course, you can't know right off the bat. True love comes with time."

This brought up the idea of love-at-first-sight.

One guy said, "True love comes from more than just looking." Only one of the bunch, a female, was a proponent for love-at-first-sight, but didn't elaborate on her stance. What more is love-at-first-sight than instant attraction that fortuitously leads to some kind of depth of character?

There are books, films, and research all on the intricacies of love, and while I don't have time to look into all of those things, I did have time to see what

The overall consensus: most people believe in true love, but not in soul mates and not in love-at-first-sight.

I wonder if these opinions will hold true in twenty years.

I may blame Disney movies for the true love complex, the insistent belief that everything ends in destined lovers and happily ever after, but perhaps it is the hope, the Crusade for true love, that unites us with that "special someone" on a crusade of their own.

What do you believe?



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Serving up a new season of tennis

By MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

The first tennis practice of the year was held on Feb. 1 and showed a vast improvement for the team. The tennis team has been steadily improving over the past few years and is ripe for an impressive season.

Last year, the team won three of their matches in the Centennial Conference. These wins were against Swarthmore and Haverford, two teams that are nationally perennially ranked competitive teams.

The first match of the season is a home game on Feb. 26 at 4:00 pm. Depending on the weather, it will most likely be played in the Dietrich field house at the Life Sports Center.

Matt Kral, one of the team's captains, says that they are "looking strong since seven of the players have years of experience and the new members are good additions to the team." Building on that knowledge are the three doubles teams, two of which are returning this year. These are the same doubles players who beat one of the best rival teams, Elizabethtown, last year in the team's final match of the season.

The team gives a lot of the credit for their improvements this year to their coach,

Jeff Schmitt, who has them rededicating themselves to fitness. This new focus on fitness has the team pushing their limits to improve their strength and conditioning. Coach Schmitt has added additional work out sessions for after practices to ensure these improvements. "We will be the best conditioned team in the conference," says Kral.

Among other improvements for the team are the physical enhancements the College had done to the courts themselves. The tennis courts, located conveniently behind The Village, were newly resurfaced. "They're even the same color blue as the ones at the US Open," Kral adds with pride.

Considering all of the factors involved this looks to be the best tennis team that the College has turned out in several years. Between the conditioning of the players and the team's obvious excitement over their previous wins, this looks to be an excellent year for the tennis team.

Be sure to check out the College's athletic website to find out when and where these games will be played.

Students will not want to miss this season of tennis.

Mules win in a nail-biter

By VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

"Too close for comfort" were the words Junior Kelly McKeon used to describe Monday night's game against Franklin and Marshall. The Mules beat F&M by a small

point margin 61-55.

It was a tough road game for the Mules, who were originally scheduled to play F&M on Saturday but had to reschedule because of the snow that blanketed the area Friday night.

F&M had plenty of time to prepare for Muhlenberg. The Diplomats did not have a game all week leading up to the double header on Saturday, and then had an additional day to practice because the game was postponed. They also were eager to avenge a 19 point loss to the Mules earlier in the season.

"They were definitely ready for us," said senior Brenna Ferster. "They had a whole

week off to get ready for our game".

The Mules came out flat and in the first three minutes remained scoreless and down by six points. For the entire game, the Mules shot just 35% from the floor.

"It's just something about traveling to F&M," said McKeon. "We just don't play that well there".

Although the Mules may not play their best basketball on the Diplomat's home floor, one thing is for sure they were not ready to surrender the game without a fight. At 9:06 in the first half the Mules finally took the lead and were up by one point after a lay-up by Sophomore Alex Chili.

The Mules then took their largest lead of the game, six points, with just 42 seconds left in the first half after another shot by Chili. The Mules lead by just one point at half time setting the stage for a tough and emotional

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Basketball heats up

Week One of the IM Basketball season is over and what a week it has been. We have seen the emergence of some powerhouses as well as the downfall of some top teams. We have seen some players step up to show they should have been on the preseason first team as well as some first teamers struggle early on. It has been a very interesting week, and this year seems to be the most competitive year in a while.

On top of the A Division after week one is Drew Howleywood Story. They are 6-0 right now and show no sign of letting up. Sophomores Aaron Friedman and Max Jablonski have been nearly unstoppable thus far and have led the team to wins against every other team in the division. The second through fourth place spots are all pretty close with Kon Tiki, The FootBallers, and The Buehlers. The Buehlers came out to a slow start but are on a two game winning streak led by Senior Brian Ward and Junior Spencer Joseph. All three of these teams have

shown they can be dominant but have also shown they do have weaknesses.

Towards the bottom of the division are the ManBearPigs, the Mother Lovers, and the Bean Flickers. The ManBearPigs upset the FootBallers in week one and may just be back on the rise toward the top of the division.

The Mother Lovers have also shown some signs of improvement. They were only a few minutes away from giving the Drew Howleywood Story their first loss and were just a few clutch free throws away from beating the FootBallers.

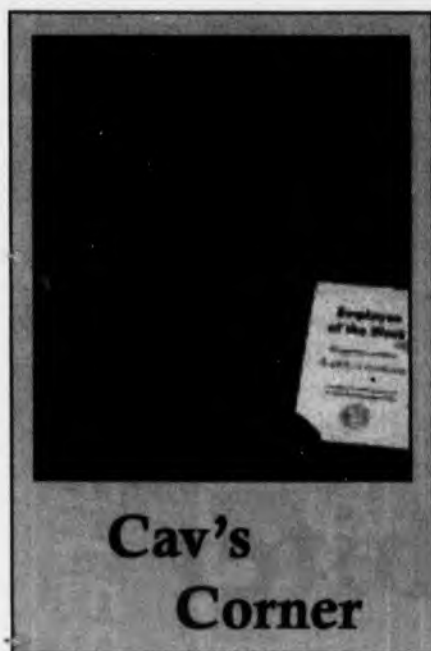
This is the tightest the A division has been in years, and it really seems like any team could make a run and win it this year. Making a prediction of who will finish on top would be nearly impossible at the moment, so I am not even going to try. All I can say is whoever does win it all will not have an easy time doing so.

The B division is also off to a good start. After week one the Ball Blasters and SigEp are on top of the division. The Ball

Blasters are led by Seniors Jeremy Marcus and Mike Logan and seem to be the favorites so far. Some other teams to look out for are So Soph and Still Clean and the Tazerbacks. The Tazerbacks suffered a bad loss in their first game of the year but have since turned things around and won three in a row. Junior Mark "Smooth Cat" Cassera has been tough to defend and teams are really going to have to game plan if they want to slow him down. So Soph and Still Clean are led by Sophomore Justin "Squeekness" Myers, and they are rolling on all cylinders right now. They suffered one loss to a buzzer beater but are one of the strong teams in the division.

The Women's League also showed some improvement this week. There was a strong turnout and really competitive games. The IM committee would like to encourage anyone who is interested in joining to come out and participate.

The schedule is posted on our website at sites.google.com/site/mulesintramurals.



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

World awaits Vancouver 2010

By GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

Ohhh Canada! Our home and native land! For the next couple of weeks at least...

Set to begin Friday, the Olympic Games celebrate the greatest collection of athletic talent the globe has to offer. Seventeen days of competition between over 80 countries will transform the NBC family of networks into the winter sports enthusiasts' paradise. Here is a look inside six events that will be sure to headline the XXI Winter Olympiad:

Alpine Skiing: Slopes superstar, Lindsey Vonn, leads an American unit that will face stiff competition from an always impressive Austrian squad. Germany also plans on medaling as slalom specialist, Maria Riesch, looks to go toe-to-toe with good friend and rival, Vonn. On the men's side, Swiss veteran, Didier Cuche, will compete in his fourth Winter Games. He will battle with Austria's Benjamin Raich, who collected two gold medals at the 2006 Turin Games. Look for Ted Ligety and Bode Miller to make some noise for the United States. Coverage of the ten alpine skiing events begins Feb. 13 and will continue through the 27.

Bobsled: Though Jamaica does not have a bobsled team this year, the event promises to provide more thrills than Sanka Coffee himself. In recent years, the German four and two man teams have dominated the bobsled world. This year, the United States is led by four-man sled driver Steve Holcomb and Switzerland, led by Ivo Rüegg, look to dethrone the Germans. In the women's events, look toward hometown team Canada as the dark horse for a medal. The bobsled competition will begin Feb. 20 and conclude on Feb. 27 with the men's four man medal event.

Figure Skating: Arguably the most graceful competition in the Olympics, figure skating is a favorite among Olympic viewers. This year, Johnny Weir and Evan Lysacek attempt to show the world the United States can compete with the Russian Federation's Evgeni Plushenko. For the women, South Korea's Kim Yu-Na looks like she may be the early favorite to take the single's gold medal. Others such as Canadian hometown favorite Joannie Rochette and 17 year-old American Rachel Flatt look to put the heat on Yu-Na. In pairs, China looks primed to take the gold. Figure skating starts Feb. 14 and concludes Feb. 25 with the women's free skate final.

Ice Hockey: A Canadian Olympics without hockey? No, I don't think it sounds right either. The team to beat in this year's field once again is Canada, led by NHL standouts Sidney Crosby, Jarome Iginla and, arguably the greatest goaltender to play the game, Martin Brodeur. Even though Canada is the favorite in both the men's and women's tournaments, the men's team from Russia, headlined by world-class NHL wingers Alexander Ovechkin, Ilya Kovalchuk, and Pittsburgh Penguins center, Evgeni Malkin, will not go down without a fight. The American women will push team Canada for the gold as both teams boast strong rosters from top to bottom.

The United States roster includes women's Olympic hockey trailblazers Angela Ruggiero and Natalie Darwitz. The American men, with a young nucleus of NHL talent, will also try to postpone the one celebration Canadians have been waiting for since Vancouver was awarded the XXI Winter Games back in 2003. Hockey coverage begins Feb. 13 with the women's gold medal game coming Feb. 25 and the men's Feb. 28.

Snowboarding: Shaun White is the class of the snowboarding world. Known as "The Flying Tomato," White has helped transform the sport into one of the most popular Olympic events in recent years. Fresh off another successful Winter X-Games, White tries to conquer his second Winter Olympics. For the women, Americans Kelly Clark, Gretchen Bleiler, and Lindsey Jacobellis hope to hold off the competition that includes most notably the Swiss. Snowboard competition runs from Feb. 15 to Feb. 27.

Speed Skating: One of the most fast paced events of the Winter Olympics, speed skating is a sport that historically belongs to the Netherlands. This year Americans Shani Davis and Apolo Anton Ohno look to build on their success from the 2006 Olympic Games. South Korea also boasts a strong team that includes Lee Ho-suk, a three-time medalist at the 2006 Olympic Games. In the women's field, watch as Christine Nesbitt and Kristina Groves try to bring home medals for Canada. Coverage starts on Feb. 12th and continues through Feb. 27 with the men's and women's team pursuit final.

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2010 - Is this finally the Season?

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

The only way to go is up. After coming off a five win, eight loss record last year, the Men's Lacrosse team is ready for change and is looking to turn their losses all into wins next season. With four of their victories and four of their losses coming in conference play, the team hopes to better their rank in order to win the Centennial Conference this upcoming season. Three key conference losses last season all came down to one deciding goal, proving the resilience and effort the team put into every match win or loss. With 31 of 35 players returning to the field this year, and a slew of impressive freshman added to the roster, this team is looking to come out strong, and finish at the top. Tied for top goal scorer on the Mules in 2009 with 15 goals, Brent Siebold is back with a vengeance ready to leave his mark and lead the team to victories against powerhouses like Gettysburg College (13-3), who won the Centennial Conference and made the NCAA Division III finals last season. Then there is rival Haverford College (13-3) who the Mules lost to in an overtime thriller eight to seven. This season they will look to avenge that loss. In this decade the College has had a difficult time winning games, falling short of a winning record from 2003-2006, and in 2007 they were just able to finish with a six win six loss mark. The team's pride and joy was the 2008 season when they finished with ten wins and five losses.

Key conference wins last season came in a four to three victory against rival Swarthmore, as well as notching a huge overtime win to end the season against Ursinus. The good news is last season, the College finished ahead of McDaniel, Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, and Ursinus. With the rising young talent on this team, the number of wins is sure to jump putting Muhlenberg in the upper echelons of the conference. This coming season key important games, and arguably Muhlenberg's two toughest matches come in back to back weeks. Mar. 20 the team is on the road against Gettysburg and on Mar. 24, the team must travel to Haverford for another exciting match. Although it seems like a tall order to overcome a disappointing 2009 season, the Mules will have the support of their diehard fans, coming out to support the team game after game. Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1:00. is the Mules' home opener, where they will take on the Steven's Institute of Technology Ducks. In addition their conference play will begin against Washington College at 1:00 in our very own Scotty Wood Stadium. As Freshman James Coleman put it, "The team is so focused on winning. All the captains said we have never practiced so hard and we can beat the top teams. The coaches have been drilling into our heads that we are the best and we will win." Only time will tell how the Mules will do, but it is sure to be an exciting season as they look to conquer the Centennial Conference.

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second half.

With the score tied at 55 and just 1:24 left in the game, emotions got to Alex Chili who was closely and aggressively guarded by F&M the entire game. Chili was penalized with an offensive foul after attempting to create some space between her and her defender.

The Diplomats did not capitalize on this opportunity after missing the shot, but Chili did and at the other end of the floor with just 47.5 seconds left hit a jumper and was fouled for a chance at a three point play.

Chili knocked down her free throw, and the Mules lead by three and retained the lead to win the game. Kelly McKeon finished with a double-double, 20 points and 10 rebounds and Alex Chili finished with 14 points. Chili said, "Things weren't going our way, but we were really tenacious and rebounded well the last 3-4 minutes. It was mainly our hard work that got it done for us."

The win put the Mules who are now 17-3 overall and 14-2 in the CC in a three way tie for first place with McDaniel and Gettysburg with less than two weeks left in the regular season.

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Men's Basketball drops out of first place at Franklin & Marshall

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Monday, the Mules (12-9, 10-4) dropped their second chance to take down conference-best Franklin & Marshall (18-3, 12-2), falling to second-place in the Centennial Conference. The Mules had a chip on their shoulder, having been crushed by the Dips on Jan. 12, 80-58 at home. However, Monday, the Mules were playing catch-up the entire game, finally losing 69-63.

Last Wed., when the Mules took on Swarthmore (5-15, 4-9), it was a different story. Both teams got off to a bad start before Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic pulled down a defensive board and dished the ball to Junior Guard Evan Tozer for an and-one. On the ensuing play, Liddic slammed it home to put the Mules ahead 5-0. After Swarthmore tied it up at 15, the Mules finished the half with 12 unanswered points. The Mules led by as much as 19 points in the second half. The Mules were in control the entire half, with the Garnet only getting as close as 9 points.

Senior Forward Obi Nwizugbo was a presence in the front court, finishing with 11 points and five rebounds. Senior Guard/Forward Ryan Foster had a good all-around game, contributing to the effort with 6 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists. The Mules succeeded very well at protecting the ball – they had 20 assists and only 11 turnovers.

Liddic led the Mules with a career-high 24 points, going 10-of-16 from the field, and grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds – his ninth double-double of the season. There have only been eight 20-rebound games in the history of the Centennial Conference. Liddic had a big week, being named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District II College Division team. He was the first men's basketball player to earn the honor since 1999. "His accomplishment of being named academic all district is awesome, truly a great honor for him and our team," Head Coach Scott McClary said of Liddic's accomplishment. "He deserves it with all of the hard work he does. He truly embodies what D3 is all about: the true 'student athlete.'"

Last Saturday's game was postponed to Monday due to the blizzard that pounded the East Coast. The Mules got off to a cold start, going scoreless for the first 5 minutes; they were down by as much as 11 points with six minutes to go until halftime. However, the Mules weren't out of the game, they fought back with an 11-0 run, tying the game at 25 with 2:44 left in the half. After trading field goals, the Diplomats got the last points of the half, making the score 29-27 in their favor.

In the first minutes of the second half, the Mules and Dips went shot for shot before the Dips started to pull away 7 minutes in. The Mules fought back to within 4 points with four minutes left in the game, but a few crucial turnovers cost the Mules. The final score was 69-63.

Liddic had another double-double (his conference-leading tenth), finishing with 20 points and 10 boards. Foster was characteristically electric, contributing 19 points and eight rebounds, seven of which were offensive.

"[It was a] tough loss for us tonight. The guys really competed their tails off and we had several chances to win," Coach McClary commented after the game. "I was very proud of them. Franklin & Marshall present problems because they are well balanced. They have extremely quick guards and two very good post players to go along. They play pressure defense very well and make it tough to execute what you want on offense. We really defended them well but gave up too many offensive rebounds (16) to win."

Because of the loss, the Mules are only one game above Gettysburg and Ursinus who are tied for third. Three of the Mules' next four games are on the road. The Mules' next game at Dickinson (2-17, 2-12) is the only relatively easy game. The next three are more difficult: Saturday at home against Gettysburg (11-9, 9-5), next Wed. at Haverford (8-12, 6-8), and next Sat. at Ursinus (13-8, 9-5). The Mules cannot afford to coast into the playoffs.

Mules made it look easy once again

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Due to last weekend's snowfall the scheduled invitational at Ursinus College was cancelled. However that did not stop a small contingent of the College's track stars from competing at East Stroudsburg's DeSchraver Invitational.

Senior Jennifer Lynch won the mile with a time of 5:06.60 only 17 hundredths of a second away from the best time in the Centennial Conference this season, 5:06.43. Also competing in the Women's mile with stellar times were Nicolette Miller and Jayne Condon.

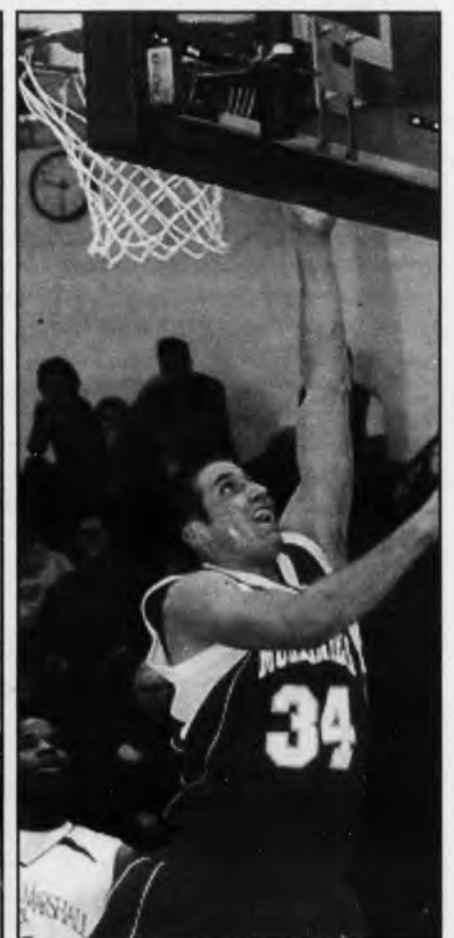
Junior Bobby Torphy was the top finisher for the men, coming in second in the 800 meters and setting a new indoor personal record of 1:55.78, which topped the best CC time as of last weekend's meets. Teammates Matt Lauletta and Ryan Ganley took fifth and sixth place in the men's mile.

Sophomore Kimberlee Yalango cut more than two-and-a-half seconds off her previous personal best in the 800, running a 2:24.35 placing fifth in the meet and landing fourth on the Mules' all-time performance list. Another sophomore, Melissa Ugelow, set an indoor personal record in the 5,000, finishing third in the long race with a time of 19:23.90, good for seventh on the Muhlenberg performance list. Competing in the 5,000 for the men was Brendan Smith placing sixth with a time of 16:01.33.

The all-freshman 4x200 relay team of Amanda Brennan, Mallory Davis, Colette Faustand Tara Keegan came in eighth. Faust set a new personal best in the high jump at 5-2, and another freshman on the women's team, Bre Biondi, became the third Mule to clear 9 feet in the pole vault.

We all are excited for Fri. Feb. 12 when the awesome Mule track stars will head to Manhattan's NYC Armory to compete in the Lafayette/Rider Games.

Congratulations to the team and good luck to all competitors this coming weekend. Check out next week's issue to see how the Mules performed.



Left: Sophomore Kimberlee Yalango beat her personal best this weekend; Right: Sophomore Spencer Liddic was named to ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District II College Division team.

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The College raises \$103.4 million

By SHANNON TOMLINSON
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"The Talents Campaign is all about the students and making the Muhlenberg experience accessible to them regardless of their financial circumstances," says Stacey Prohaska, Director of Communication & Campaign Marketing. "Who doesn't believe in a college education?" The assumed answer in today's society is "no one."

On Apr. 26, 2008, the College launched the public phase of the most ambitious campaign in the College's history. Stemming from the priorities set forth by the strategic plan, (initiated by President Randy Helm shortly after his arrival at the College), *The Talents Entrusted to Our Care Campaign* (TETOC) has just months before it concludes on Jun. 30. Time is running out, hence this year's theme for the campaign is "Bring it Home."

You may be asking yourself, what in the world is TETOC? Fundamentally, the purpose of a campaign is to raise necessary funds for a variety of purposes that support current and future needs of the College. When you think of a non-profit organization, you might not think of the College; but the College is in fact a non-profit and as such, depends on the gifts of others- namely, parents, family, friends, alumni, faculty, staff, and students- to provide the first-rate education for which the College is known.

"Education changes lives; it can be the gateway to a better life for students and their families. Now more than ever, we need to inspire people to give back to 'Berg. Any and all gifts matter," explains Prohaska. All college constituents have the opportunity to be involved as donors. And those aforementioned have risen to the challenge. Currently, over 52% of all

of the *Talents Campaign* that just kicked off in Jan. is the Senior Class Connections Campaign (SCCC). This is an annual campaign that asks seniors to give back to their alma mater. SCCC gifts also count towards TETOC.

The campaign is about so much more than money. It's about "changing the lives of our students," particularly those who have financial need. Did you know:

-The Class of 2013 has higher financial needs than its predecessors, and the financial aid budget ensures that "these promising young men and women will have access to a Muhlenberg education."

-About 70% of Muhlenberg students receive financial aid

from the College- more than \$21 million dollars each year.

-Up to 100 students each year are on a waiting list for financial aid.

There are three components of TETOC: endowment ("The People Entrusted to Our Care"), capital projects ("The Places Entrusted to Our Care") and The Muhlenberg Fund ("The Experiences Entrusted to Our Care.") And each area has been alive and active in producing new and exciting developments for the College.

TETOC boasts many accomplishments since its birth. Here are a few:

-The construction of a new LEED-certified science building and the total renovation of

the College employees have made a gift to support the College (guided by the faculty/staff campaign led by Deb Kip P'04, P'06, Assistant Vice President for Corporate, Foundation, and Government Relations). Many gifts are supporting student scholarships through the unrestricted financial aid portion of The Muhlenberg Fund.

The good news: As of Dec. 31, 2009, TETOC has raised \$103.4 million dollars towards the goal of \$105 million dollars. "The stories of why so many are making financial sacrifices for Muhlenberg are varied. Probably the bottom line is that we all believe in Muhlenberg," reflects Connie Harris, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

The students are also involved: a portion



THE TALENTS ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE
The Campaign for Muhlenberg College

Student Government Association's Mental Health Awareness Initiative

By KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Feb. 4, the Student Government Association passed a motion by Executive Secretary Sam Landman '11 to investigate the implementation of a "Stress-Free" Handbook.

As head of the Student Services Committee, Landman offered that the implementation of such a handbook is crucial to the further development of the College's understanding and handling of issues pertaining to the mental health of students on campus.

Proposed by Representative Jacob Kreeger '11, the handbook is based off a similar one instituted at Cornell University. Already having been in contact with mental health officials at Cornell, Kreeger says

he feels instituting this handbook will do a great service to the student population. "If there's something Cornell knows how to do right, its mental health, and their trail-blazing legislation as well as student services should be a model for any academic institution."

With constituent Student Government Representatives Kreeger and Taylor Gold '12, Landman's motion to investigate into the handbook comes at a time when mental health issues are a prime topic of conversation and debate at colleges.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, a reported 49% of college stu-

dents nationwide report feeling mentally affected by the stresses and rigors of college.

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Landman's efforts come in response to an overwhelming student insistence to progress the College in its mental health endeavors. In the upcoming weeks,

the combined efforts of all of the members of the Student Services Committee of the Student Government Association will attempt to research and consult staff as well as the general student population to best provide a tangible piece of literature suitable for students' needs.

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Does your Grandma have a Facebook?

We've all had been asked more than once by our parents or grandparents how to "reply-all" to an e-mail or how to use e-mail, period. In the same respect, we have no doubt that our technological knowledge will one day be undermined by our own children and grandchildren. This disconnect among the generations is present within many aspects of society but is most present in understandings of technology.

Today's society all but mandates the use of technology on a regular basis but with the constant stream of new developments, it's the younger generation who tend to adapt to it quicker. While the influence of technology tends to be shaped by the younger generations, the older generation often find themselves playing catch-up and by the time they figure it out something else is more up to date.

With everyone doing their best to be technologically savvy citizens, some people have raised the question of whether the laws can still adequately control interaction within these technologies. In a recent article, CNN tells the story of a high school student who was suspended for creating a Facebook group that portrayed one of her teachers in a negative way. This seemingly innocent action ended up raising controversy over the student's right to share her opinion with fellow classmates. U.S. Magistrate Barry Garber ended up ruling that the student's actions were found to be within Constitutional limits. Some people, however, felt that this was not that case and that our constitutional laws need to be adjusted to a world that is introduced to new communication technologies almost every day.

It seems like a mere Facebook group shouldn't be something that needs governmental regulation but her page is no different from the pages that are added to the site on a daily basis that critique the actions of everyone from President Obama to Lady GaGa. As a result of living in age of constant communication, opinion, as long as it is not threatening or in any way illegal, should be protected within our first amendment rights regardless of where we say, type or express it, both now and in the future.

Tragedy at the Winter Olympics

BY JACLYN SOBEL
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While my friends and I were out for dinner Saturday night, the televisions around the restaurant played recap upon recap of the previous day's tragedy. They showed 21-year old Georgian luge slider Nodar Kumaritashvili smashing into a corner as he went through the "Thunderbird" curve, sailing off his sled and sliding until he crashed headfirst into the unpadded steel pillars supporting the track. The replay froze for a moment on the image of Kumaritashvili on the metal walkway—on the image of the would-be Olympian and the hazardous structure that encompassed so many dreams.

The men and women who compete in the Olympics are risk takers. They live on the edge, drunk on the adrenaline that surges through them every day. They have accidents, and most accumulate injuries and surgical scars over the years. They are aware that they must push themselves to the brink of breaking.

Snowboarding, ski jumping, and the luge are not safety sports. However, even snowboarding and skiing, though dangerous with their extreme speed and potential cliff falls, are different than the luge. The luge track is a man-made edifice of concrete, steel, and ice. And because it's man-made, it has the potential to be molded and changed. Its synthesis creates the struggle, and essentially controls the risk, of its lugers.

Deemed by some as the fastest track ever, the Whistler Sliding Center was obviously incredibly challenging. World Luge Federation President Joseph Fendt stated that the luge track might have been too fast despite its final designs. Designed to only reach a maximum speed of approximately 85 mph, investigators put the track's real speed at roughly 12.5 mph faster. The combination of the speed and gravitational pull proved too much to control for Kumaritashvili, who was estimated to have been going at 89.6 mph and experiencing a G-force of 5 1/2 (a Formula One race car has a G-force of 5) when he crashed into the metal girders. Vancouver Olympic officials declared the crash a result of human error; however, even American slider Tony Benshoof said the physics of the track's curves left practically no margin for error.

The track—this lightning-fast, steel-beamed contraption—was tested by one of our Olympians. Some blame Kumaritashvili's inexperience for his downfall; after all, these were his first Olympic games. Nevertheless, he qualified just like every other competing athlete.

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The global trash talkers' past time



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is that I have been living in Europe for some time now and have had first-hand experience with Europeans. This week's article is a reaction to some of my not-so-welcoming encounters with Europeans.

Without getting into a long-winded recap of last weekend's chaotic Carnival celebration in Venice, let me just jump to the hostility my fellow travelers and I met. While waiting at a bus station, a middle-aged, scruffy Italian man approached several of us. He came up to our group screaming, "F*% America" and calling us "stupid Americans." This guy went on about how terrible America is, and he was yelling at us in an unintelligible rant. I'm guessing he heard us speaking English without any hint of some other European accent and knew we were Americans.

This harshness towards the United States and its citizens is most definitely present here in Europe, but it is not as common as many of us expected (quite a nice surprise). It is obvious the negative opinion of the United States abroad saw a sharp rise during the presidency of George W. Bush and the initiation of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Staunch anti-American sentiments coming from western Europe were, and continue to be, directed towards American foreign policy.

The current military operations oc-

curing in Afghanistan and Iraq have stirred up emotionally-charged rhetoric and unwarranted accusations of American wrongdoing throughout Europe and elsewhere in the world. All too often, the shouts of insults and mockery towards Americans and our government/military have to do with a farfetched assumption of an imperialist, warmongering foreign policy.

Not surprisingly, readings assigned in college-level classes here and the professors themselves have gone beyond using subliminal messages and snide, smart-aleck remarks to express their anti-American attitudes.

As stated earlier, most of these comments and bashing sessions focus on America's presence in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Much of the anti-Americanism revolves around the thought of the United States building some sort of global empire through military force. An important point to note is that the following examples of anti-American rhetoric are not only heard abroad, but equally as much back in the United States by Americans themselves.

One of the most preferred ways to slander America is comparing our efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan to the past colonialism practiced by the western European powers. This accusation could not be further from the truth. The building of empires and colonialism refers to a country that is intentionally exerting its military power to seize another country or piece of territory solely for the benefit of the mother country.

Let's look at Great Britain's former colonial policies. As the mother country, Great Britain exploited her colonies' natural resources and

people in order to make economic and territorial gains.

In addition to taking advantage of their colonies, imperial countries set out on their quests for territory without any intention of leaving (unless forced to leave by war). Instead, as history has shown, colonies were set up with the specific intention of establishing a permanent government to represent the reigning monarch, an ever-present military occupation force, and a

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Unionization

BY JOE CAPOROSO
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A poster recently caught my attention inside of the Garden Room that thanks the food service workers for coming in during the snow days, expresses appreciation for

the work they do on a daily basis, and also says "We support your right to unionize." It has been signed by over a hundred students. The sign goes hand in hand with a petition currently circulating around campus demanding all workers at the educational communities of the Lehigh Valley be provided basic rights like respect and dignity in the workplace, affordable healthcare, and the right to organize and bargain collectively.

I also noticed an index card outside of the Garden Room, which expressed some dissatisfaction with the poster. It read, "I was going to sign that thank you card for the food service workers for coming to work during the blizzard in GR until I saw it

had that union workers comment on it... I HATE LIBERALS. Offensive. Arrogant. Ignorant. Stupid Assholes." Beyond the index card, the students volunteering to help the food service workers have faced resistance on campus. It has been a slow and at times, frustrating process, which has left the College behind the other Lehigh Valley colleges who are working on the same issue.

While I don't want to spend too much time on one student's criticism of liberals, I think his or her index card raises a key misunderstanding. Volunteering to support the workers at this school isn't a liberal cause. When workers attempt to organize to guarantee a better life for the workers

and their families, it isn't a radical, liberal action. It is a smart and common sense action. It only requires a look at the average pay for unionized workers compared to non-unionized workers to see that. I'm glad my father is in a union because I sure as hell couldn't afford an education at Muhlenberg or a graduate degree from Lehigh if he weren't, and the food service workers at this school deserve the same chance to provide for their families.

This index card criticizes students who are supporting the food service workers' right to organize as being offensive. Isn't it more offensive to ignore the fact that the people who serve you food everyday sometimes have to choose between paying their health insurance or their rent?

The individual then uses the word arrogant. Isn't it arrogant to think the people who serve you food shouldn't be entitled to a set system of sick days, job security, and a regularly scheduled raise if they put in enough years? The individual then uses the word ignorant. Isn't it ignorant not to care when the food service workers don't have all the hours they work compensated in a paycheck?

This isn't about liberal or conservative. It isn't about the Service Employees International Union. It isn't even about Sodexo and the substandard way they treat their employees at the College. It is about the workers having a right to organize and collectively bargain to gain basic rights every full time working individual in this country should have. The last time I checked, the right to assemble wasn't a liberal cause, it was one of the things this country was built on.

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economically beneficial trade infrastructure. Simply put, imperialist countries take for the sake of taking.

I must ask those who question the US motives in the Middle East, "Has the United States ever displayed any of the classic signs of imperialism?" First of all, the US has not taken any natural resources, despite some ridiculous accusations of us using Iraqi and Afghan oil revenues, from any country.

We don't have fleets of cargo ships and oil tankers shipping goods and raw materials back home. Actually, we pump money into the Iraqi and Afghan economies and reconstruction efforts. The US has been doing quite a bit to help get these two countries on their feet. As for territorial expansion, the US-led efforts in the Middle East were anything but acts of expansion. Can anyone honestly say that the President, Congress, and military leaders purposely drew up plans to expand our borders and annex Iraq and Afghanistan? Of course not. This idea conjures up an image of the competition the European colonial powers were part of when they carved up Africa. America was not and is not part of some diabolical plot to snatch up more land.

Finally, the US effort in Iraq and Afghanistan has been crystal-clear with respect to our intention to leave. We have aided the two countries in establishing functioning governments, self-reliant defense forces, stable economies, and improved infrastructure. America is setting up an Iraqi and Afghan state. Also, the US government and military have been doing the best they can to stick to a tentative plan to drawdown US forces in Iraq, and eventually Afghanistan. We are acting more like a parent than an empire builder. We are doing as much as possible to leave two independent, functioning states.

Even with former President Bush out of the White House, people all over the world have kept up the image of America as a warmongering, imperialist country. Whether or not America is accused of being a colonial power simply to express hatred of Bush or because some truly believe America's intentions are malicious, we must think twice and consider what is really going on in Iraq and Afghanistan. Let's not encourage the past-time of blaming America first and bashing her to pieces.

Senatorial crisis

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During the State of the Union address one month ago, President Obama talked about the accomplishments he made in his first term - or rather, what he tried to

accomplish.

On several occasions, Obama mentioned something that he proposed and the House of Representatives passed. The rather obvious implication here was that the Senate couldn't be bothered to pass anything that Obama wanted. In this case, what wasn't said hit harder than what was.

Unfortunately, it was worse than business as usual as soon as the Senate started to get to work. Most notable among the Senate's achievements during this short time was a procedural tactic performed by Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) called a "blanket hold" on Obama's nominations for various agencies.

Basically, it means that one senator can grind a floor vote on a nominee to a halt - and he was planning on doing this to more than 70 nominees in several important agencies. And what were Shelby's motives for doing this? He wanted a guarantee that a couple of defense projects would be built in his state. For a member of a party that regularly denounces wasteful spending (a term that its members have been using for pretty much all spending in recent times), this request for pork is bald-faced hypocrisy.

Thankfully, people raised enough of an uproar (though not one as loud as I'd have liked) for Shelby to withdraw what can be aptly compared to a hostage taking on all but a couple of nominations. However, the heart of the problem has not been tackled: the Senate has been stalled in passing legislation by a minority that refuses to let the majority do anything. Simply put, Senate Republicans do not want the Democrats to pass anything because doing so would be a political victory.

To accomplish this, Republicans have been using every trick in the book, the filibuster being chief among them. If they continue using it at the current pace, they will have used it more than any other Senate in the past - never mind that an up-or-down vote was all but mandatory back when they held the Senate. They are monolithically behind shutting down the government and are for nothing else. When Obama offered an invitation for Senate Republicans to have a health care conference, they flatly refused to join him.

Because of the ineffectiveness of Senate Democrats, Republicans control the national debate, which seems to be a far greater prize than majorities in both houses and control of the White House. I can't see a solution for dealing with an obstinate minority because they have no ideas - they are being obstructionist for the sake of being obstructionist. I can only hope that Democrats put the blame where it belongs in the next election cycle.

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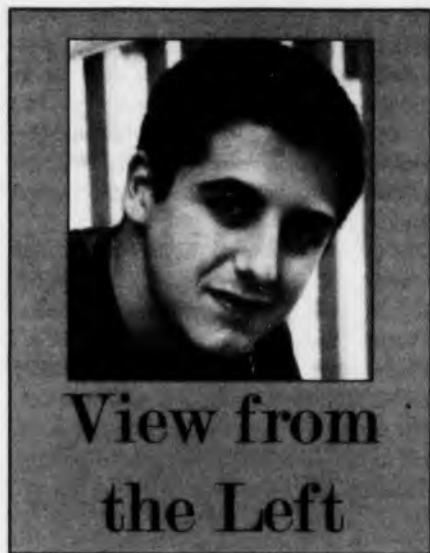
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Marriage inequality



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This past Friday was the (unfortunately annual) Freedom to Marry Rally in downtown Allentown. Dozens of signs demanding equal representation under the law blanketed the corner of 5th and Hamilton, right next to the Lehigh County Courthouse. Chants for social justice and prompts such as "Honk for love" stirred in the air amidst the sounds of a downtown crossing. Our own Zarya Wade delivered an emotional oration to the protesting crowd, reminding everyone that the civil rights movement is far from over. Besides the speeches and visibility, the purpose of the event was to produce a long line of same-sex couples to apply for marriage licenses – their licenses would be denied but will remain in the Lehigh County files to document the incessant effort for equality.

The Metropolitan Community

Church of the Lehigh Valley (MCCLV) was the most represented group at the rally, armed with an arsenal of songs that dug to the heart of inequality. But the MCCLV was not the only religious group present; just like in years past, protesters aligning themselves with the infamous Westboro Baptist Church screamed over the speeches with messages of sin, hatred, and damnation. Fortunately, drivers and pedestrians alike who were passing by the rally lent their support with friendly waves, honks, and shouts. This movement is not the first time people have had this type of conversation about marriage. Marriage has been a dynamic institution throughout history, proving to be more of a battleground for hegemony than sanctity. Marriage has moved through its periods of polygyny, exogamy, and arranged marriages. In other societies, these structures still exist today. The United States can trace back most of our marriage history to the early modern period, to the days of John Calvin and the Marriage Ordinance of Geneva, soon followed by the Marriage Act that made marriage not only a religious institution but a state institution. At that time, only Protestants marriages were recognized by the state.

In the United States, marriage has formed an institution historically filled with restrictions based on prejudice and fear. Many states enacted miscegenation laws, which were first introduced in the late seventeenth century to keep whites from "contaminating their blood" with enslaved Africans. These laws were churned out in several states, restricting whites from marrying not only Blacks, but Asians, Native Americans, and anyone else seen as impure.

These miscegenation laws existed until 1967, when justice prevailed in the celebrated *Loving v. Virginia* Supreme Court case which set precedent against barring people from entering marriage on the basis of race. An obvious parallel can be drawn between the miscegenation laws on race and the modern day Defense of Marriage Act, which explicitly defines marriage for the purposes of federal law as between a man and a woman. Currently, 30 states, including Pennsylvania, have defined marriage in their constitutions to be for heterosexual couples. Although marriage is a patriarchal and certainly bourgeois institution, it is prudent for progressives to both expose marriage for its problems and to support everyone's right to enter the institution if they please. The discourse on same-sex marriages is not only about systemic inequalities – it is about real couples, real children, and real lives. The necessary discourse is for those couples who have made a personal commitment to each other and deserve the cultural respect, social support, and legal responsibilities that come with that commitment.

Of course, one does not need to legally be married to love another person or carry out a healthy relationship. Unfortunately, the government disagrees and provides an incentive for couples to get married. In fact, there are 1,138 federal rights, benefits, and privileges to married couples, such as tax deductions, visiting hours, and employer benefits.

A few states try to compromise with the intolerant politicians whom block same-sex marriages with domestic partnerships and civil unions. But just like in our racially segregated history (and to some extent our present), "separate but

equal" is not equal at all. Civil unions and domestic partnerships create an unfair system and second class status for non-heterosexual individuals.

Numerous bipartisan groups have recognized and spoken out against this ridiculous state-sponsored stigmatization of same-sex couples. The American Anthropological Association states that there is no evidence that society needs to maintain this heteronormative marriage institution. They have been joined by the American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, and the National Association of Social Workers, who all agree that there is no scientific basis for distinguishing between same-sex couples and heterosexual couples when it comes to the legal privileges of marriage.

Economists have also been starting to support same-sex marriages as a way to help reduce the national debt. According to the Human Rights Campaign, federal recognition of the freedom to marry would result in nearly \$1 billion of yearly savings for the federal government. Also, weddings for same-sex couples will result in an estimated \$9.5 billion windfall for the American economy.

There is no reason to deny all human beings the same privileges that straight couples have. There is only heteronormativity, homophobia, and fear. Fear that one's religion will cripple with the inclusion of same-sex couples. Fear that the next generation will grow up thinking that people are people, regardless of sexuality or gender. Fear that masculinity will no longer be the driving force behind legislation. Fear that allowing for same-sex marriages would create a better and more free society.

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The fact that he fell in a similar spot during practice, as did at least four other lugers, must confirm that some aspect of the planning had gone awry – that he effectively became a crash test dummy.

We are all now looking at the situation in retrospect, so of course we try to pin the blame on someone or something. Yet despite this understanding, one cannot help but question how a planner, official, or even a trainer watching the lugers travel, completely exposed and flat on their backs on a sled going up to 90 mph with zero room for error, could not see the potential for disaster.

Nowadays, cars – large, enclosed vessels which are only meant to be driven at 65 mph – are equipped with multiple airbags. It is astounding that a structure used for the purpose of individuals sliding down at 90 mph speeds would not have some type of netting or pads on its steel beams. It is just as astonishing that this devastating loss is the reason the wall was raised, padding was placed on the metal pillars and the starting areas were lowered for all groups in order to slow down the racers.

It is a track's precariousness and an athlete's fragile mortality which create the Olympian world of adventure and possible misfortune. In the 1989 film "Field of Dreams," there is a famous line, "If you build it, he will come." No matter what the architects build, no matter how big the mousetrap, the athletes will come. These are athletes that will try to conquer any obstacle put in front of them. They are not looking at how dangerous something is; they are Olympians, and they will do whatever it takes to compete. It is, therefore, up to the watchers – the engineers and officials – to protect our competitors from the forces propelling them forward and from the dangers lying beyond the edge.

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ler that have enabled the College to secure a reputation for pre-eminence in undergraduate science education

-The creation of new residence halls, resulting in 137 additional beds on campus;
-The expansion of Seeger's Union to include new meeting rooms and expanded quarters for Career Services, Academic Resources, and Disability Services (phase 1), with construction now underway for a new kitchen, server, dining hall, student offices, and an expanded bookstore (phase 2); dramatic expansion in study abroad opportunities

-The creation of other interdisciplinary programs such as Public Health and African-American Studies, and so much more

Projects currently underway or ready to launch in the next 12 months include: the expansion of our overtaxed Hillel facility and creation of new academic facilities for Sociology/Anthropology, and the conversion of the former TKE fraternity house into a Rehearsal House for the use of the Music and Theatre Departments.

Some important points to remember: it's never too late to get involved as a donor, even after the campaign comes to a close this June. Also, everybody in the College's community has been affected by TETOC, so one should reflect on the contributions of others, have a mind-set of gratitude, and energy to push programs like TETOC forward, while never forgetting to look back.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 23	High: 36 Low: 23	High: 36 Low: 22

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 8 - Disruptive Conduct - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 8 - Check the Welfare/Locate - On the Back Drive, an individual appeared to be upset. The student was spoken with. There was no further incident.

Feb. 8 - Found Property - In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of a found iPod. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 9 - Sick Student - In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and EMS responded. The student was transported to their room.

Feb. 9 - Indecent Assault - On N. Leh St., students requested to speak to an officer regarding forcible fondling alleged to have occurred in June 2009. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 10 - Sick Student - In East Hall, Block B, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was advised and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 10 - Lost Property - In Robertson Hall, there was a report of lost keys and a phone.

Feb. 11 - Sick Student - In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and EMS responded. The student was advised to go to the Health Center in the morning.

Feb. 11 - Suspicious Activity - In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of individuals seen in the Muhlenberg College shuttle bus. There was no apparent damage. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 11 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 11 - Harassment - In Brown Hall, first floor, there was a report of harassment between two students. A letter of no contact was issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 11 - Vandalism to Vehicle - In the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 11 - Sick Student - In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded along with Muhlenberg College EMS. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 11 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 11 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Feb. 11 - Hit and Run - At the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, there was a report of a hit and run. The suspect was later located and identified. The

involved parties spoke to each other. including keys and a student ID card.

Feb. 11 - Found Property - In Ettinger, third floor, there was a report of a found set of keys. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 12 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a Muhlenberg College van that slid slightly into a student's car. The owner was contacted. There was no visible damage. There was no further incident.

Feb. 12 - Larceny/Theft - In Robertson Hall, basement, there was a report of theft of a housekeeper's lunch from the refrigerator. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 12 - Found Property - In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a found debit card. The item was placed in the evidence closet. A message was left for the owner to pick it up.

Feb. 12 - Larceny/Theft - In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of theft of keys and money from the vending machine area. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 13 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 13 - Motor Vehicle Accident - On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Both parties agreed to not take the matter further.

Feb. 13 - Lost Property - In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of several items that were lost

Feb. 13 - Sick Student - At 2333 Liberty St., there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 14 - Found Property - On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found purse. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 14 - Sick Student - In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and spoke with the student.

Feb. 14 - Institutional Vandalism - In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of vandalism to a barricade. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 14 - Sick Student - In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 14 - Lost Property - At 325 N. 23rd St. (Hoffman House), there was a report of lost keys. The keys were found after a further search of the area.

Feb. 14 - Disruptive Conduct - On N. Leh St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued along with a Sweep Ticket.

Student Body President elections

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

It's that time of the year again and the Student Body Presidential Elections have begun. It is during this time that students must ask themselves the important questions.

Would any of their peers make a good candidate for Student Government Association (SGA) President? What do I want my President to do for me? What even makes a good President?

According to the Student Government's bylaws, the Student Body President is the highest ranking official in the organization. Their responsibilities include chairing the regular and special meetings of the SGA in the absence of the Vice President, as well as serving as the Sergeant-at-Arms, or the disciplinarian in the room, during meetings. Besides having a vote on every SGA committee, the Student Body President is the Chair of the Student Life & Affairs Committee. This committee is charged with investigating and making "recommendation in response to any issues regarding dining, Seegers Union, club recognition and outreach, Athletics, and Residential Services."

Possibly the most important, if not influential, duty of the President is to serve as one of the two student representatives to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustee's Campus Life Committee, and the College Committee on Campus Life (CCCL). As has been noted by members of the College administration, the College allows students unprecedented access to the administration and the Board of Trustees. Access that is not so easily given at other institutions.

But who better to understand the role of an SGA President, than the current one? Jonathan Falk '10 was elected Student Body President almost a year ago. As the elections draw ever closer, Falk wishes to secure a confident successor.

"Experience and being involved on the campus is so important when finding a good candidate," explained Falk. Indeed, when Falk was a candidate for Student Body President he had already made a name for himself as well as a lengthy list of activities. Before holding his current position, Falk was President of Hillel, the largest organization on campus; the President and Founder of Mules United For Israel (MuFI); served three years as a Student Government Representative, one of which was as the Chair of the Seegers Committee; and been a Student Advisor and a Tour

Guide.

"The key to success in this position," Falk explains, "is time management. Everyone warns you how little time you have for other activities, but they don't even know the

half of it." Student Body Presidents have had a long history of serving stressful and jam-packed schedules. On an average week, an SGA President will meet with the President of the College, the Dean of Students, the advisor to the SGA, a random assortment of Presidential Staff depending on what projects are underway, and attend the weekly Student Government meetings. "It's much worse than it sounds," Falk said with a wry grin, "That's just the basics. Depending on what projects are going on, say the Seegers Renovations for example, I attend several extra meetings just to stay up to speed. And then, of course, I still have classes to attend."

"It would have been ten times harder to do if not for the support of my Vice President, Jordan Sones, and the rest of the E-Board," admits Falk. Indeed, the Student Body President is the only member of the executive board that is elected directly by the students. The other four positions, which include the Vice President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Secretary, are all elected by the SGA Representatives during the first meeting after the President has been elected. "A good President knows how to use his greatest assets," Falk continued, praising his executive board further.

Most of all, Falk hopes to have a President who will "embody vision, direction, charisma, and have a desire to make 'Berg even better than it already is."



Current Student Body President Jon Falk '10.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW PEARSON

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get."

- Forrest Gump

Bear in Allentown!

BY NICK LAFALCE
LIFE WRITER

hipsters with them.

Almost a decade old now, the band has continually been successful at pushing their limits while staying true to their foundations and putting on a great live show. The band has a light-heartedness about them that makes them fun and easy to relate to, something that is apparent with song titles such as, "Thanks for the Killer Game of Crisco Twister," "Booyah Achieved," and "Monkey!!!Knife!!!!Fight!!!!" With their combination of signature dance elements, fun catchy lyrics and guitar-heavy rock and roll, Minus the Bear proved that they are still leagues above their American Apparel and beard-wearing peers.

Opening act Maps and Atlases put on a great show doing their complex studio-work the justice it deserves. A great part of this math-indie band is how each member practically plays their own lead part, including the drummer who was doing some serious work. There was a chemistry between members which seemed to have gotten lost over the years, making it refreshing to see, even if it was only seen for four songs.

Phantogram was the next to hit the stage. Consisting of a recording backing track, a guitar player, keyboard/singer and about a dozen strobe lights, Phantogram's performance was way too long and way too influenced by Depeche Mode and was not even worth writing about.

Finally after what seemed to be at least a fortnight of an epileptic's nightmare, Minus the Bear hit the stage and started things right with "Drilling," a song off of

Seattle indie rock outfit Minus the Bear, along with their opening acts Maps and Atlases and Phantogram, came to the Croc Rock last week and brought all the

their sophomore release *Menos El Oso*. From the first note, the band and the audience were synced into a giant dance/rock out party. They played a great assortment of songs from each album including crowd favorites "Throwing Shapes", "The Fix" and "Fine + 2 pts". Other songs included, "Thanks for the Killer Game of Crisco Twister," "White Mystery," "Get Me Naked 2: Electric Boogaloo," "Absinthe Party at the Fly Honey Warehouse," and "Knights."

The execution of each of these songs was even more impressive than the previous; the synergy between band members was unmatched, with energy continually being transferred from stage to audience. Minus the Bear's connection with the audience was so powerful and intense that they played two encore songs: "Spritz!!! Spritz!!!" and "Pachuca Sunrise." My personal favorite song of the night was "The Game Needed Me," in which the tempo was pushed forward and pulled back at times as if they were using an irregular metronome.

The band played three new songs throughout the night: "Into the Mirror," "Running Out of Excuses," and "Broken China." If these are any indicator of what the new album is going to sound like then it has my support along with the 1,500 other audience members at the Croc Rock. Each song continued in furthering the progression that has been taking place from each album to the next: taking the best elements from the previous album and making it better, showcasing the best that the band can be.

A truly great band can make an audience react just as strongly to a new song as an old favorite, and Minus the Bear truly delivered on both fronts.

Hopefully word will finally start to spread to the rest of the non-plaid wearing public.

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Dear John: a disappointment for those who have read the book

BY TORIE PAONE
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

**SPOILER
ALERT:**

The story of *Dear John* is set in North Carolina and revolves around two lovers. Savannah Curtis (Amanda Seyfried) attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and meets John Tyree (Channing Tatum), a Special Forces Army sergeant on leave for two weeks, at Wilmington during spring break while helping build a house for Habitat for Humanity.

The romantic spark first ignites when John jumps into the ocean to retrieve Savannah's purse, which was knocked into the water by a friend. Out of gratitude and intrigue, Savannah invites John back to the beach house where she and her friends are staying. While sitting and chatting by the fire Savannah and John become attracted towards one another. They spend every day together for the next two weeks, and it is during this time that their love blossoms; as Savannah says, "Two weeks is all it took for me to fall in love with you."

During these two weeks, they go out to dinner and learn about each other's pasts. John learns that Savannah is the stereotypical good-girl who goes to church, volunteers to help those in need, and in the future hopes to own a horse ranch where children with mental illnesses can learn to ride and find peace. Savannah learns that John was the stereotypical bad-boy who grew up without a mother, lashed out at his father, and drank a lot when he was younger. She sees that John has changed and, despite their obvious differences, they inevitably fall in love.

As Savannah grows closer to John, she takes a surprising interest in John's father. Mr. Tyree has trouble connecting with his son and the outside world.

Savannah learns that it is possible that Mr. Tyree may have Asperger's Disease. It is ultimately because of Savannah's discovery that John forms a real relationship with his father. She helps John understand why there was always such a disconnect in his relationship with his father, enabling him to now handle it.

Tim, Savannah's best friend and next-door neighbor, has a son who is mentally challenged, which is what first inspires Savannah to have the dream of helping and healing mentally challenged children through horses. While it is obvious that Tim is in love with Savannah, the viewer recognizes that he only wants her to be happy and truly likes John when they meet.

Savannah and John confess their love for one another, and they agree that when John returns from his tour of duty they will marry. During John's time away

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from Savannah they write each other letters expressing how much they miss one another, talk of the present, and dream of the future. It doesn't seem like anything can come between these two, until the attacks of 9/11: John must choose between enlisting in the army for at

least another two years and going home to Savannah with whom he promised to be. It is a choice between the love of his country and the love of his life. As much as it kills him to make this choice, he chooses to re-enlist and serve his country.

While Savannah realizes this is the noble thing to do, she is very upset by his decision. It forces her into the arms of another man and leads her to end her relationship with John through a letter while he fights in Afghanistan.

They don't see each other again until John's father

turns ill and dies shortly thereafter. When John goes to see Savannah at her house, he learns that Savannah married Tim who is in the hospital with cancer. It is obvious that Savannah and John still love one another, but the viewer never finds out if they get back together. The ending allows the viewer to use their imagination as to what becomes of John and Savannah.

I was very disappointed with the movie. I read the book by Nicholas Sparks from which the movie was adapted, but the book was better. I have never been one of those critics who prefer books to movies. On the contrary, I usually like movies better. For instance, I loved the *Twilight* movies better than the *Twilight* books. However, in the case of *Dear John*, I thought that the book was better than the movie because the acting and the screenplay were atrocious. As I was watching the movie I felt as though I was watching a story completely different than that of the book. It was almost as if the screenwriter had never read Nicholas Sparks' version of the story.

Amanda Seyfried seemed to force a lot of emotions to come out. I feel like the producer cast her in the role of Savannah because he wanted an attractive blonde who could sing. Tim was supposed to have a brother, not a son, with a mental illness. It seemed like he was a broken-hearted fellow whose wife left him, as Tim was always pining for Savannah even when they were younger.

Tim died in the movie, and this sets up for a possibility for Savannah and John to get back together which is not supposed to happen.

The idea is even though they can't be together because of duty, they will always love each other.

It is a pure chick flick and not a very good one at that. If you didn't read the book you would have a better chance of liking it, but in the end all the viewers will see that the trailer is better than the movie.

Allentown Brew Works: hit or miss



A taste of Allentown

By ALEX WELLS &
MELISSA GOLDENBERG
LIFE COLUMNISTS

You've probably all have heard of it, as this restaurant is a big hit among College students. Allentown Brew Works is located in center-city Allentown at 812 W Hamilton Street. It is very easy to get to, and Shuttle Steve will happily take you there during shuttle hours.

The atmosphere of the restaurant is unique. The restaurant is a revamped brewery, and the décor incorporates both modern and original feels. This past Saturday night, we dined at the Brew Works with a couple of friends and a visitor from out of town. It is a good idea to make a reservation if you plan on going for dinner on the weekends because it can get very busy.

To start, we ordered bruschetta, a hummus platter, and French onion soup. The bruschetta was absolutely delicious. Sometimes the bread gets soggy because the topping is sitting on it for too long, but at Brew Works it was served separately. However, the bread was fresh and was toasted to perfection.

The hummus platter was also very tasty. It came with servings of garlic hummus, black bean hummus, black olive tapenade, and marinated tomatoes. The pita was warm and tasted like it came right out of the oven. The only critique was the lack of pita. There was a lot of leftover toppings, so it would have been nice if there was a larger serving of pita on the plate – but the flavor of the dish definitely made up for this minute flaw.

The French onion soup was served traditionally, topped with a French baguette with Swiss and Provolone cheeses. The soup was served in a crock pot and stayed the perfect temperature throughout the course. Overall, the appetizers were well received

and a great start to our meal.

However, not all of the main courses were not up to the standard that was set at the beginning of our meal. For the main course, we ordered the baked salmon, Allentown fettuccini, a half-pound hamburger, the boursin chicken salad sandwich, and the Buffalo chicken salad.

The baked salmon was a little undercooked and the sides were average. The Allentown fettuccini seemed to be the best dish. The richness of the sauce worked wonderfully with the sundried tomatoes, diced tomatoes, and basil with which it was served. Jess said that her hamburger was "juicy and cooked perfectly...The French fries were crispy, and tasted as if they came right out of the fryer." Sam ordered the chicken salad sandwich. He thought it was an interesting combination of flavors, and they all complemented each other. The chicken salad was made with diced chicken breast, apples, roasted walnuts, and boursin cheese on freshly made ciabatta bread. The cheese was mixed in with the salad, which was an interesting twist to a classic chicken salad sandwich. There was some controversy over the Buffalo chicken salad. Melanie thought that the bleu cheese was a little overpowering and did not complement the crispy chicken, but Sam enjoyed the salad (an avid buffalo chicken fan).

One piece of advice is to order things that are you are already familiar with. This restaurant is great with the classics, but some of the more adventurous options may be disappointing.

Some of our dinner guests were older, so they were able to enjoy the alcoholic beverages that the brewery had to offer. Jake decided to get the beer sampler because he could not decide which of the many beers he wanted to try. The beer sampler is only \$8.50, and you are able to taste six different types of beer all brewed on site. They also ordered some cocktails during dinner, and seemed to really enjoy them. This definitely seems like a great place to go for drinks with friends.

Though for some of our friends this restaurant was a miss, for many people it's a hit – and on more than one occasion.

Don't let some of these criticisms scare you away.

We have heard from many others that the Brew Works is one of their favorite dining locations in Allentown. Go over to Allentown Brew Works if you are looking for a good time!

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Ask the Panda Girl: advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl,

I really kind of hate one of my "friends." She's nice and all, but there are so many things about her that just plain bug me. I feel like a b**ch whenever we're with mutual friends because all I can think of is how much she bothers me. She never has anything nice or interesting to say, mostly just waits until she can tell her own lame story that doesn't have anything to do with the conversation at hand and she has these annoying habits like snapping her gum and never ever wants to talk about anything other than classes and boys. To be honest, I just find her dull and annoying. But she's in my clique of friends, so whenever we do something together, she's invited. What should I do? I'm sick of her!

Signed,
Kind of a B**ch

Dear B**ch,

You're not a b**ch just because you're not as close with a friend as you once were. People grow apart. Sadly, that is a part of life, especially in college. These are the years we grow and change rapidly, and discover who we really are. It sounds like you two once were compatible, but have grown too different to be very good friends anymore. Try having a one-on-one conversation with her about how she feels. Does she feel you two are growing apart as well? Maybe tell her what you miss about your friendship. "I miss when you would ask our advice" or "Is something wrong? You don't talk much about yourself anymore." It may be that your friend is uncomfortable around the large group of friends, so she resorts to trivial topics such as classes and boys that she knows you all have in common. Maybe something is happening in her personal life that she has created a mask to hide her hurt behind. Try delving behind that shield to find out what's up. Unfortunately, there isn't much you can do about the habits like the gum snapping. We all have little quirks or habits that are a touch irritating. My only advice is to try and ignore it,

or privately tell her that it bothers you if you truly cannot stand it. Do not call her out on it in an accusative or public manner, as this causes the other person to immediately become defensive and will only hurt your relationship more. Should all else fail and you just want to get away from her, try planning some activities in smaller groups, or with different friends other than your inner clique. Try finding new groups to hang out with. Gradually, you may drift away from her and your clique as you develop and discover who you truly enjoy spending your time with. Be true to what you want in friendships. There is no need to feel obligated to one inner circle of people. Branch out, you may be surprised by what you'll find.

Sincerely,
The Panda Girl

Advice of the Week:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Valentine's Day. I'm sure you couples out there had a wonderful time together, but I want to address a sticky issue. Many "new steps" may have been taken in your relationships on that special day. I'm sure lots of wonderful, romantic and special activities/occasions happened on the infamous day of love.

However, I want to caution all couples: do not let this set a bar that you must exceed in future get-togethers. If you are uncomfortable with anything that may have transpired, do not feel that because you agreed once, you must agree again. This goes for all things, from the sexual to the simple. Do not let your significant other try to guilt you into doing something you do not want to do. Relationships are about compassion and compromise. Your significant other should respect your feelings, morals, and boundaries. In addition, be sure to respect theirs. You may have had a crazy night, but don't try to force a repeat experience if your partner is uncomfortable.

Have a problem or concern and would like advice? Contact The Panda Girl with any and all issues at AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or send them to Box 2072.

Question of the week:

"What was your favorite part of the snowpocalypse?"



"Tackling Ira Blum."
- Arielle Kramer, '12



"Riding a mattress down the library lawn hill."
- Rachel Jakubowicz, '12



"Having Campus Safety clean off and shovel out my car."
- Catherine Schwartz, '11



"I slept through all my classes and when I woke up it was a snow day!"
- Matt Critchlow, '13



"Having a legitimate excuse to drink more than 6 cups of hot cocoa in one day!"
- Caroline Gadonas, '12

Courtesy of Rachel Brown

AMC Weekend Listings



Dear John

Fri. 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:45, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 2:00, 4:45, 7:10

The Lightning Thief

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

From Paris With Love

Fri. 5:10, 7:45, 10:00
Sat. 5:00, 7:45, 10:00
Sun. 2:45, 5:10, 7:50

Shutter Island

Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
Sat. 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 12:10, 3:30, 7:30

The Wolfman

Fri. 5:00, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:00, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 8:00

Valentine's Day

Fri. 4:10, 7:20, 10:15
Sat. 4:10, 7:20, 10:15
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:20

As things even out



BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Another week of Intramural basketball has finished up, and things are really getting interesting. We're a little

more than halfway through the season right now, and there are no clear cut favorites. In fact, as each day passes the league seems to even out more and more.

There are several cases in which a team has shown up and beaten the first place team one day and then lost to a team they were the favorites against the next day. There is really no telling where this league will wind up in a few weeks.

The main highlights of this week all came on Valentine's Day. Some were referring to it as the "Valentine's Day Massacre" because almost every single team seemed sluggish and a little bit off after a long snow filled weekend. The Drew Howleywood Story came into the day undefeated, and it was beginning to seem like they were nearly impossible to beat.

The Buehlers played them in the first game of the night and, led by Senior Brian "Paintball Wounds" Ward, were able to upset them and hand them their first loss. Just a few hours later, the FootBallers handed them their second loss of both the night and of the season. Those two

losses really evened out the league and there are now four teams all within a game or two of each other fighting for first place. Both the FootBallers and the Buehlers went on to win a second game each that night.

The following night also had some great games. The Buehlers came into the night on a five game winning streak but suffered a blowout loss to Kon Tiki. Kon Tiki was led by Sophomore Cody Antonini but also saw strong play by Juniors Mike Williams and Adam Beal, who are normally known as cowards on the basketball court.

Kon Tiki shot lights out in that first game but were unable to carry it over into their second game of the night against The Drew Howleywood Story. The DHS took the victory easily and got right back on track.

Another notable victory was the ManBearPigs defeating the Bean Flickers. ManBearPigs had been struggling but getting a win like that just proved when they have their full team they are still very tough to beat. Although

their record does not show their strength right now, all the other teams are hoping not to draw the ManBearPigs in the first round.

The B Division also saw some interesting games throughout the week. SigEp, The Ball Blasters, and Super Smash Bros. have all continued their dominance and all remain undefeated thus far. The Tazerbacks have proven to be one of the most inconsistent teams in the league. They have shown signs of absolute dominance where it looks like no one could beat them, and they have shown signs where they struggle to do the easy things.

Another team that is emerging to be a dominant team is So Soph and Still Clean. They currently stand at 4-1 and show no signs of slowing down. Come playoff time they could very well be the favorites.

We can only hope that these two leagues continue to be as competitive as they have been. Each week it seems to even more and more, and the games seem to get more and more exciting.

These streets will make you feel brand new...

BY GIL MAGRAM SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg track stars took full advantage of Manhattans' Armory speedy track. Over the weekend the track and field teams broke two school records and set a host of personal records at the New York City Armory in the Lafayette Rider Winter Games.

Senior Jennifer Lynch became the first female in team history to break five minutes in the mile, crossing the finish line in 4:59.30 to smash the school record of 5:02.89 she set last year. When the conversion for a banked track is applied, Lynch's time becomes 5:00.20, which easily clears the NCAA provisional standard of 5:05.00. As of last weekend's meets, only six runners in Division III had run the mile faster.

Lynch, who won the mile, came back less than an hour-and-a-half later to finish fourth in the 800 with a personal-best time of 2:18.40. Junior Bobby Torphy pulled off a similar double, winning the mile in 4:16.44 (the second-fastest time in program history and not far from the NCAA provisional standard of 4:16.00) and then running a 1:57.77 in the 800.

Sophomore Peter Rice had the headline performance for the men's team, breaking the school record in the 400 with a time of 50.15, which converts to 50.65 on a flat track. That time is within a second of the NCAA qualifying mark of 49.85.

Senior Patrick Thornton (4:27.05) and sophomore Ryan Ganley (4:27.78) also set personal records and landed in the top 10 on the Mules' performance list in the mile.

The men's 4x400 relay team clocked in at 3:32.54, just off its season best of 3:32.11 – not bad for a group that included first-time 400 runner Senior Jeremiah Lachaud, a sprinter by trade who volunteered to run the longer distance when other Mules couldn't go. Back on the women's side, Sophomore Nicolette Miller set personal records in both the mile (5:17.44) and 800 (2:25.71). The mile time is the third-fastest in program history.

Sophomore Kimberlee Yalango clipped another three seconds off her personal best in the 800, moving into third place on the all-time performance list at 2:21.13. We all are excited for Fri., Feb. 19 when the Mule track stars will head to Haverford to compete in the Keogh Invitational.



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team- and his nine assists ranked sixth.

As a defender, Asplundh was stellar on the boards and had one goal and one assist in twelve games this season.

This season is undoubtedly one of the best the Mules have had. Scoring was not a problem for the team this season. In seven of the thirteen games the Mules won, they scored at least five goals. In addition, in four of these wins, the Mules tallied ten or more goals with their largest margin of victory coming against Franklin and Marshall on Jan. 12.

The Mules won this match by an impressive score of 15-3. Against the Mules' potential opponent for the semi-finals, Bucknell, they won and lost a game making this possible matchup even more thrilling. In addition to the team's ability to win games, they are also one of the hardest working teams, making hard hitting a large part of their game.

Freshman Matt Frank led the team and was third in the conference with 49 penalty minutes. From Moorestown, New Jersey, Matt has established himself as one of the premier players on the team. He added seven goals and fourteen assists to his impressive amount of penalty minutes.

Mike Sullivan added an additional 40 penalty minutes and Mike McClellan notched another 35 putting them in the top ten for penalty minutes this season.

This is one of the most complete teams the Mules has had since their championship run. While the competition will be tough, there is no stopping the Mules from winning the championship.

My Prediction: In a close match Muhlenberg will win their first round game 5-3. Then they will beat Bucknell 3-2 in the semi finals, and close out their season with an overtime victory against University of Scranton 4-3 and bring the title back where it belongs.

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Who needs Olympic Hockey when we have Muhlenberg Playoff Hockey?

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

He shoots he scores! This will be the motto for the Mules this coming Friday as the puck drops against the Millersville Marauders in the first round of the Great Northeast Hockey Conference playoffs. The conference is composed of teams including University of Scranton, Bucknell, Muhlenberg, C.W. Post, LaSalle, Millersville, Rutgers, NJIT, and Franklin and Marshall. The season was filled with intense matchups, but unfortunately only six teams could qualify for the playoffs. Scranton (15-1-1) and Bucknell (14-3-1) will have byes for the first round of the tournament, finishing number one and two respectively. Muhlenberg is the number three seed in the tournament while C.W. Post is number four. LaSalle secured the number five seed, and Millersville rounds out the playoffs with the six seed. If Muhlenberg defeats Millersville, they will be paired with Bucknell for the semi-finals and the winner of the C.W. Post,

LaSalle match will play Scranton. The winners will go head to head on Feb. 21 for the Great Northeast Hockey Conference championship. The Mules hope to bring the trophy back for the first time since the 2006-2007 season. Captain of the Mules, Will Behrns, who is comparable to Chris Pronger of the Philadelphia Flyers in brute strength, not to mention an extremely powerful slap-shot, looks to lead his team to victory.

The Mules were very impressive this season coming off a thirteen win, three loss, two tie season. It appears that they should have this first playoff game easily won. Millersville finished a dismal season with just six wins and eight losses and was just lucky to secure a playoff position.

The College is home to two of the elite players in the Great Northeast Conference, Sophomores Andrew Milanesi and Cody McKinney. Andrew Milanesi led the Mules and the conference with twenty-two goals. He also tallied fourteen assists in the process. His

counterpart, Cody McKinney, was an assist machine, passing the puck thirty three times for goals. He also added fourteen goals of his own.

McKinney and Milanesi lead the conference in points, numbers one and two respectively. In the two games against Millersville this season, The Mules won one game and tied the other in a nail-biter.

After this season it will be a shame to see three key seniors graduate: arguably one of the toughest, hardest playing goalies in the conference, Senior Dave Emerson; Senior Forward Mike Sullivan, and Senior Defender Ivan Asplundh. Emerson started fourteen of the sixteen games this season and had an outstanding record of nine wins, three losses and two ties. He saved an extremely impressive 626 of 672 shots on goal this season for a save percentage of .932. In addition, his goals against average were third in the conference with 3.10%. Mike Sullivan scored an impressive eleven goals- third best on the

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Left: Senior Dave Emerson makes a save; Right: Junior Mike McClellan shoots against Millersville.

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Broadway vs. Broad Street Act II?

BY GABRIEL HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

Sorry Punxatawny Phil, winter is over! Though there is still snow on the ground, and probably more on the way (another snow day anyone?), it is time to trade in your wool hats and gloves for well... another type of hat and glove. Baseball fans, the wait is over!

This week pitchers and catchers report to spring training.

As we celebrate the greatest seven days of the calendar year, it is hard to forget what happened some four months ago, when the Phillies and Yankees nearly took the College community to the brink of a civil war. Will it happen again this year? Let's take a look into the crystal ball and see who will be skipping school to watch their team's World Series parade come October.

Spoiler alert: Sorry Mets fans, you'll be attending class.

American League:

The Yankees won their 27th World Series last fall with one of the most cohesive units general manager, Brian Cashman, has put on the field in a while. Unlike prior seasons, players put some of their pride aside (Yes, you, A-Rod) and focused on winning rather than all-star appearances. With this newfound Yankee way, the team walked through the playoffs without much of a challenge as newly acquired free agents C.C. Sabathia, A.J. Burnett, and Mark Teixeira led the charge.

"The Captain," Derek Jeter, also found himself in the thick of the action, as he usually does. This year, however, may have a different ending. Teams like the Red Sox, Angels, and upstart Rangers look like they may challenge the Bronx Bombers.

Last year was not a happy one for Red Sox nation. Not only did they see the Angels sweep their beloved "Sox" in the first round of the playoffs, but they saw the Yankees win the World Series... again.

This year, however, looks bright for the Boston faithful. With the acquisition of former Angels ace, John Lackey, the Red Sox boast arguably the strongest pitching rotation in the majors. Their offense needs work, but overall they are a serious threat to their AL East rivals.

In the AL West, the Angels as always, will find themselves towards the top of the standings. With the loss of Lackey and an aging lineup, however, it is quite possible

that the young Texas Rangers will challenge them for the division title. Texas has a very underrated but potent lineup, and if their pitching prospects perform as expected, Texas will have a very good year.

AL Champion: New York Yankees. Rangers will test Yankees, but in the end NY will prove too powerful.

National League:

In 2010, the Phillies will attempt to reach the World Series for a third consecutive year, a feat last accomplished in the NL by the 1942-1944 St. Louis Cardinals. It will be a tall task, but the Fightin' Phils look primed to make a serious run, as they return seven of eight starters.

Obviously, the Phillies' offseason revolved around the controversial pair of moves that landed Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, but saw fellow Cy Young Award winner and fan favorite, Cliff Lee shipped to Seattle for prospects. If the Phillies fall short of a World Series title, fans will be quick to remind Amaro, "We could have had Cliff!" In hopes of staying competitive for years to come, it is a risk the Phillies are willing to take.

Besides the Phillies, who many consider to be the class of the National League, the Dodgers probably pose the biggest threat because of their excellent roster depth. Even though they are not as offensively explosive as the Phillies, there is a strong balance between their lineup and pitching rotation. Furthermore, the last few years have seen deep marches into the playoffs. This may be the year they take the next step.

Another strong candidate to represent the National League is the St. Louis Cardinals, who, like the Red Sox, have a very strong combination at the top of their pitching rotation. Their offense will continue to provide consistent production as all-star left fielder, Matt Holliday, recently inked a lucrative seven year contract. He will help provide lineup protection to the best hitter in the game, Albert Pujols.

NL Champion: St. Louis Cardinals. Good pitching always beats good hitting, especially in the playoffs.

World Series Winner: New York Yankees. As hard as it is for a Phillies fan to admit, the Yankees are the strongest team in baseball and barring injury, they should repeat as World Series champions.

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Men's basketball loses two more, tied for second

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Saturday, at home against the Gettysburg Bullets (12-10, 10-6), the Mules (12-11, 10-6) were dominated in the second half and went on to lose the game. The loss, one of three in a row for the Mules, strips them of sole possession of second place and leaves them in a three-way tie for second with Gettysburg and the Ursinus Bears (14-9, 10-6).

Thursday, classes may have been cancelled, but the Mules still traveled to Carlisle to take on the Dickinson Red Devils (4-17, 4-12). Muhlenberg got off to a hot start, building an 11-3 lead seven minutes into the game. The Mules answered every attempt the Red Devils made to get back into the game, and after a three-pointer by Junior Guard Evan Tozer, they were up 21-8 – their biggest lead of the game. After a scoreless, turnover-riddled four minute span, the Red Devils finally hit a layup and sparked a 10-5 rally to close out the half. In the first half, the Mules were a solid 40% from the field but struggled from the charity stripe, hitting only 6-11.

The second half began with more turnovers and more-missed shots by both teams. The Red Devils went on a 7-0 run to begin the half, giving the Mules their first deficit of the game. Momentum shifted and the Mules' situation was looking perilous when, with 9:49 left, the Mules were down 42-33.

However, five minutes later, the Mules clawed back to lead 51-49. Within a minute, the Mules fell behind thanks to a few three-pointers by the Dickinson squad. The Mules never saw the lead again, falling 69-60. In the second half, the Red Devils put on a shooting exhibition, shooting 60% from the field, 66.7% from behind the arc, and 92.3% from the free throw line.

The Mules saw an extraordinary effort from Tozer, whom led the team with 17 points to go along with 3 steals. Both, Senior Guard Brian Frankoski (15 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists) and Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic (12 points and 7 rebounds) contributed to the effort.

Last Saturday, the Mules hosted Gettysburg, hoping to keep sole possession of second place. The largest Muhlenberg crowd since the Scotty Wood Tournament showed up to cheer on the Mules. In Memorial Hall, the crowd erupted after a three-pointer by Freshman Guard Matt O'Hara capped a 9-0 Muhlenberg start.

The run saw an inspired performance by Liddic, grabbing 3 offensive rebounds, 3 defensive rebounds and 1 steal, in the first four minutes of play. Liddic finished his 11th double-double, and 20th double-digit scoring game, of the season with 25 points and 16 rebounds.

The Mules and Bullets traded shot after shot, but the Bullets pulled ahead with 4:33 left in the half, and held the lead into halftime. Gettysburg dominated the second half, not allowing the Mules to recapture their lead. The final score was 69-57. Senior Forward Obi Nwizugbo shot 50% from the field, scoring 9 and grabbing 6 boards. The Mules struggles from the free-throw line continued, only hitting just over 50% of their shots.

After the game, Head Coach Scott McClary was disappointed. "We really played well and competed with Franklin & Marshall, but fell a little short," he said. "We have been able to get 10 league wins this year by defending our tails off and playing harder than the opponent. This just didn't happen against Dickinson and Gettysburg."

Although the Mules did clinch a spot in the playoffs, coach McClary stressed the importance of the last two games of the season. "We need to work really hard this week to get back to playing our style of basketball and get some confidence heading into the playoffs. We finish with two really tough road games this week as we have had to play 5 of our last 7 games on the road to end the regular season. Time for us to toughen up!"

The Mules last two games are Wednesday at Haverford (9-13, 7-9) and Saturday at Ursinus. The game against the Bears is especially important because it will decide both teams' seed entering the Centennial Conference playoffs.

Retro Night brings great success



Senior Kaitlyn O'Malley makes it rain on the court for the Lady Mules team.

BY VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

Saturday's game against Gettysburg was a tough one for the Lady Mules who never took a single lead in the game and lost 82-60.

It was senior day on Saturday, and the Mules were not only playing for their upperclassman but also for the chance to host the Centennial Conference tournament. A win against the Bullets would have clinched the home court advantage for the Mules. However, the Mules did not put up much of a fight for either of those two causes. The Mules started off the game down by five and the Bullets lead by as much as 15 in the first half. The Bullets lead by 12 at the half and never again surrendered the double digit lead. Gettysburg led by as much as 28 points in the second half and Muhlenberg could not get closer than 10 points.

Sophomore Alex Chili was kept from scoring a three pointer for just the second time in her career here at Muhlenberg and only the first time this season. Chili was 0 for 5 from behind the three point line. Previously, Chili had a 24 game streak in which she hit a three pointer, the fifth longest streak in Berg history. The lack of

shooting combined with Gettysburg's aggressive offensive rebounds and put-backs were the keys to Muhlenberg's 22 point loss. Luckily, the Mules had a chance to redeem themselves on Monday night against the last place team in the conference, Bryn Mawr. The Mules were successful in bouncing back, defeating Bryn Mawr 67-43.

It was "retro night" for the team who sported tie-dye T-shirts in warm-ups and wore decade old uniforms that were last seen during the 1999-2000 season.

The Mules however started off slow, a little too reminiscent of Saturday's game, only winning by four points at the half. But the Mules rallied and started off the second half strong. Muhlenberg led 41-34 seven minutes into the second and put Bryn Mawr away for good going on a 24-3 run. Sophomore Alexandra Chili was the high scorer for Muhlenberg with 14 points, and Junior Alexandra Berlin added 11. Freshman Alita Zabrecky had 10 points, six rebounds and three assists.

The Mules have already clinched a playoff spot as well as a first round bye. However, the Mules will need an additional win and a loss by Gettysburg to host the Centennial Conference Tournament.



Senior Alexis Bates put up a three-pointer in her last home game at Memorial Hall.

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And the new Student Body President is... Samuel Landman

By JANA ELFENBEIN
NEWS WRITER

On Mon., Feb. 22, a very unique Student Body Presidential Election took place, in which there was only one candidate running for the position.

Even though Samuel Landman was running unopposed, he had campaigned over a week by hanging flyers all over the Seegers Union as well as inside the residential dormitories for the prestigious opportunity to become next year's Student Body President.

Although he was running unopposed, procedural paperwork still needed to be filled out and votes needed to be cast for the official pronouncement of Samuel Landman as the new face of Student Government.

There was a great deal of controversy surrounding this particular election due to the fact that there was only one candidate. Student concerns consisted of the lack of advertisement for nominations along with the lack of information of who is eligible to run for the position.

Interesting enough, the same procedures were conducted this year, in terms of advertising for the nominations, as in past years.

Landman addressed this issue by stating, "I feel that although there might be a lot of concern that I was unopposed, I am the best candidate that the school can use right now. I have heard a lot of negative

criticism; however, I cannot let that deter me from doing well or caring about my new position. My new mission for the Student Government Association is clear to me right now. I have to find a way to inspire the student body as well as reinvigorate the members of Student Government so that apathy doesn't internally exist anymore. With more motivated members, perhaps we can have more competitive races in the future and a more effective and impactful government."

When asked how he felt when he found out that he was running unopposed, he replied, "My heart dropped a bit and I was honestly disappointed. I never expected to run unopposed and I would have felt more comfortable knowing that a true majority elected me."

Landman stayed very positive throughout the entire campaign. His goals were definitive and transparent. His main objectives consist of pushing for all-campus wireless, initiating a car-share program, and implementing off-campus dining.

He reports, "I constantly hear student demand for all-campus wireless with increased bandwidth for all students so that there is Internet available throughout campus as well as sustained speeds for all students so they can comfortably surf the web. I would also like to see students be able to use their Flex accounts at local establishments such as CVS, Panera,



Giant, and others. I also recognize that parking is a problem on campus and to make it easier for students (especially first-year students) to get around the Allentown area, we should implement an

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Active Minds' "Secret's Out!"

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

On Fri., Feb. 12, Active Minds, the student-run mental health awareness group on campus,

and Alpha Chi Omega co-sponsored *To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA)* day and a campus-wide project called "Secret's Out!"

TWLOHA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to giving hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicide. Their vision is that we were all created to "love and to be loved" and although we live in a difficult world, that goal is not impossible.

The movement was started when a group of friends got together to help a mutual friend struggling with abuse, self-injury, addiction, and suicide. In an effort to show her that she is loved, they wrote "love" on her wrists over her self-injury sites so that whenever she went to self-harm, she would see that and know that someone loved her and there was hope for her. TWLOHA Day is Feb. 13 because it has been reported that the day before Valen-

tine's Day is the day with the highest suicide rates. So last week, Active Minds and AXO tabled with markers, rub on tattoos, and henna so that students could write "love" on their arms in support of the movement.

"One of the movement's many visions is that community and hope and help would replace secrets and silence."

One of the movement's many visions is "that community and hope and help would replace secrets and silence." "Secret's Out" was a campus-wide project run by Active Minds. It was based off of a popular website called *PostSecret*. This website started when the creator asked people to create postcards with their secrets and to send them to him; secrets that they've never told anyone before.

The response was huge and thus he created a website that is updated every Sunday with new secrets from people all of the country.

He also has five published books comprised of all of the secrets he has collected. The secrets that people send into the website range anywhere from "I pee in the shower to save time and water" to "I lied, he was better than you" to "You're the reason I

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly Editor,

In the Feb. 11th issue of the weekly, you ran an op-ed which disturbed me. The offending article was "The corpse is still breathing". Specifically, the first two paragraphs were a miserable collection of conservative talking points without any factual accuracy. A few examples I would like to highlight were the claims that the Obama administration has changed the handling of terrorists from enemy combatants to civilian criminals.

This claim is more than factually untrue. It serves merely to promote a political point at the expense of truth and journalistic integrity. Had the author done his research on the topic, he would have found that between 2000 and 2008 the Bush administration charged 512 individuals in civilian court on terrorist related charges and obtained 319 convictions.

This may seem small but compared to the military tribunals, only twenty people were charged, three were convicted. And this data was released by the justice department in 2008 when Bush was still in office. Another point which stuck out to me was the comment that "Obama and his all star squad of special envoys and czars that make up his shadow government..."

This specific claim also is far from the truth. Besides the loose definition of the term "czar", the Obama administration did increase the amount of "czars" from 35 to 38. If this increase in czars is really the definition of being the anti-Bush then the writer has a point, but (to me) this point seems to be a talking point that is unsubstantiated in truth.

All your op-ed writers are entitled to their opinions. The discourse created by these articles is very healthy and is one of the things that makes our country great. But the writers are not entitled to their own facts, and the writer's willingness to misrepresent the facts for political gain is a disgusting thing which will compound our already polarized political landscape.

From,
Steven Motschwiller '12

*Fact-checking:
necessary to dis-
course*

Kindle... the better book?

Now, for only 259 dollars, you can gain access to all your favorite novels and textbooks in less than 60 seconds, "no PC required" and inevitable migraine included! Ok, that may be a little harsh. But the current trend of wireless reading devices that is sweeping the nation has us more than a little concerned.

Amazon's Kindle and other electronic reading devices are all the rage when it comes to gaining instant access to books, newspapers, and other printed media. Kindle's store boasts over 307,420 titles, not including daily newspapers. While many critics are impressed with the numbers, as well as excited by the new technology, the price to value ratio has some people concerned. Newer, updated versions of the Kindle, which include touch-screen features and highlighting options, cost close to 500 dollars. And with the approximate ten dollar downloading fee for content, we are inclined to simply resort to the apparently old fashioned way of reading: picking up a paper-bound book.

While it makes sense to be price-conscious in today's economy, some of our more prevalent concerns with the Kindle have more to do with the principle of the electronic device. Especially in a society that is so concerned with the effects of media on children in schools today, what benefits could come from taking one of the few remaining tangible activities and placing it behind a well-lit screen? Amidst the growing world of video games, infant geared educational DVDs, and interactive web sites, reading has always remained a solid part of growing up. Our parents read "The Little Engine That Could" to us when we were little kids, and we got to turn the pages. We hope to one day do the same for our children, and where's the fun or value in simply pressing buttons on a black-and-white screen?

This is not to mention the implications that the Kindle could have for higher education. While in theory, electronic readers could make the process of ordering and carrying around our textbooks much simpler, we believe that the pace of a college student's studying would not be well matched with the Kindle. Call us traditional, but we'll stick to having multiple note, highlighter, and sticky-note-ridden textbooks open all at once during our studying.

Students for workers' rights



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed Columnist

A specter is haunting the College — the specter of collective action. All the powers of campus activists have entered into a righteous alliance to exorcise this specter: members of the Eff Niceness, the Gay-Straight Alliance, the dismantled Students for a Democratic Society, and active leaders in the College's Multicultural Life.

Where is the student collective in opposition that has not been criticized as radical by its opponents in power?

Where is the opposition that has not defended the scarring accusations of being far-reaching and democratic by the more powerful activist groups, as well as against its conservative challengers?

Two things result from this: first, a collective action has already been acknowledged by the powers of the administration and the Sodexo managers to be itself a power. Second, it is high time that activists for workers' rights should openly, in the face of the entire College community, publish their perspectives, their goals, and meet this nursery tale of the specter of collective action with a proclamation of the collective itself.

At this point, students of various groups, backgrounds, and experiences have assembled at the College and worked tirelessly to strategize manners to rally the student body and put pressure on the College and Sodexo administrations. My involvement in this article is not just as the writer with an opinion, but as a journalist, qualitatively researching the claims of workers and students and events in relation to Sodexo workers' rights. With that said, this proclamation is a voice of a collective action, not that of an individual.

Additionally, it is important to explain that there are no hostilities in the eyes of the collective towards the administrations of the College and Sodexo; it is a

collective that hopes to include these administrations in the efforts for equality. The collective seeks the help of both administrations in creating an environment in which all members of the College community can feel free to discuss their rights, free of intimidation and interference from conservative powers.

It is clear to see that the class struggles of the macrocosmic society permeate through to our campus. The highly dedicated members of our community swipe our cards, prepare and serve our food, and clean our dishes after we forget and move on with our days. As members of our College community, Sodexo workers deserve respect and dignity at work, fair wages, and affordable health care. Furthermore, these people have the right to organize and bargain collectively as a means to a better life, one that everyone is already working towards.

For the past two months, a representative from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) has been attempting to interact with Sodexo workers in hopes of learning more about their working conditions. After being kicked off campus by Campus Police, this representative realized the power in a student collective for workers' rights. It did not take long for students to begin assembling and picking up where the SEIU representative was cut off. Seeking to act

more as an intermediary than as agents, the students of the said collective action sought to open a dialogue with the workers in a well manner. For the past few weeks, students have engaged in eye-opening conversations about the lives of the workers and their working conditions, all which allowed us to understand the challenges and rewards of their employment.

Meanwhile, students of the collective action have stood by and watched as fellow students ridiculed workers behind their backs, devalued the workers' dedication to the College community, and created a climate of hierarchy and insolence. As a result, the collective of concerned students planned the Worker Appreciation Event, which was held in the Hoffman House this past Friday afternoon. The event was open for three hours, extending throughout the changes in shifts for Sodexo workers.

The Worker Appreciation Event had two directives: firstly, to show students' appreciation for the Sodexo workers with homemade hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Secondly, the event aimed to create a safe space free of managerial powers to have a friendly discourse on the challenges and rewards of working for Sodexo at the College.

Unfortunately, nei-

Elections: we need change!

BY CANDACE SPENCER
OP/ED WRITER

This morning I woke up thinking it was just another day: I went to the gym, got ready for class, and went to meet a friend for breakfast. It was only when I walked into Seegers that I realized that today was student body elections. I walked over to a group of friends, and quickly realized that they were not very enthused about voting.

When I asked them why they had such a problem with the elections, they named every reason possible- that the nominations were not well advertised, the qualifications and responsibilities of the position not made clear to potential candidates, that the person running was completely unopposed, and that even the voting process was not well handled. One major complaint was the minimal amount of information provided about the positions requirements and responsibilities.

Another was that there was not much publicity about nominations and who was qualified to run, scaring off potential candidates. People were not aware of the fact that holding a student government position is not necessary to run. Student government officials, however, clearly had an advantage, with better knowledge about the position and how to go about the process of becoming nominated and elected. The issue of the election requirements was also raised, when someone pointed out that the candidates only had to provide an outline of their platform-

no speech, no debate. While to some this might be seen as appropriate due to the lack of opposition, to others it is no excuse. A speech should have still been made, and in place of a debate, there could have been an interview open to the public, where current student government officials asked the candidate questions, and then allowed attending peers to do so as well.

I asked a friend for his view on the subject. He stated that he saw the handling of these elections as a reflection of student government's overall presence on this campus: they work hard and make the changes but never personally ask peers about their opinions on the work that is being done. He then tied it back to the publicity and awareness of the entire election process and how student apathy may very well be contributing to the fact that students feel like their government works only within its group, with little outside influence or input.

Throughout the rest of the day, I only heard more people talking about how it was either pointless to vote because he had already won, or that they didn't want to vote, because they didn't want him to win. Clearly, people were not made aware of the fact that the candidate needs at least 50% of the votes to be

in favor of him to obtain the position, so if they vote, but vote against him, their vote could have a huge impact on the outcome of the election. Unfortunately, this was not even an option on the ballot, so the candidate literally needed one vote to win the election.

Not having the option to write in names is understandable, but not even giving the voter the option to vote against the candidate? To me, that's unacceptable, undemocratic, and unlike the College. One friend of mine said that he believed the fairest thing to do in this case would have been to allow people to vote against the candidate, and, if not elected, allow for new nominations and reelections, this time with better publicity about the position and what it entails. I can't help but agree with him.

I told another friend that I was considering writing this article, and he enthusiastically responded with "Vive la révolution!" I'm not very good with foreign languages, but even I can get the gist- another student dissatisfied with the current elections.

Why? He explained that earlier in the day he had gone to vote against the candidate, not realizing that it wasn't even an option. When he could not figure

out why he couldn't, he asked the person running the voting table for assistance, and the person tried to talk him out of voting at all. Being a friend of the candidate, the person running the table would clearly not want people voting against his friend, but how does it look to have people in student government trying to sway people's votes? Not very good. The last I checked, the College prided itself on its active and involved students, but where are they now? From what I've heard, there were less than 100 votes cast today. With only one student running, and a good portion of the student body apathetic or against the elections, they definitely aren't at that voting table.

What can student government do now? As previously stated, some people think that student government should hold another round of elections, this time with better publicity surrounding the entire event. Students should be made more aware of and involved in the process, and the candidate should be required to provide the same information as if there was a second candidate.

Why? There should have been another option of not voting for the candidate at all or having a second candidate. In removing this option, not properly publicizing the elections, and not reaching out to the student body, this election was not at all representative of the College's students, taking away what sets them apart from peers- their desire to be active and involved, and promote change in their school community.

... they work hard and make the changes but never personally ask peers about their opinions on the work that is being done.

Percy Jackson = Harry Potter?

BY STACY ZAKALIK
OP/ED WRITER

Percy Jackson has recently been getting a lot of bad press. The books have been criticized as Harry Potter rip-offs and the recent movie has been condemned with scathing reviews. It has gotten no break at all. *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* is a book series about a young boy who is dyslexic and has ADHD, but later learns that he is the son of the Greek god Poseidon. The books follow his different adventures that play off of Greek myths like Medusa and the Sirens, and remake them for a modern age. In the new movie, *The Lightning Thief*, Percy must find Zeus' stolen bolt (Zeus believes Percy is the culprit) and return it to him before a war between the gods begins.

About a month before the movie, I voraciously read through all five of the Percy Jackson books, having not read like that since the days of Harry Potter. The books were cute and hilarious, and even if they were meant for a much younger age group, I must say that I loved them. But after seeing such negative reviews for the movie, I was not as excited as I should have been. The only thing I can say to this is, yes, Percy Jackson is no Harry Potter (Who is?), but it was still a damn good movie. It was fun and entertaining, and although I would have liked for there to be more drama and a story closer to the book, it was still a great ride. People have to keep in mind that this is a kid's movie, so it is not going to be as universal as Harry Potter.

More importantly, I've also heard complaints that this is just a Harry Potter copycat. Sure, you have to admit that the stories are very alike: a boy who is down on his luck learns that he is a powerful person and that he has a prophecy concerning him and the fate of the world. But can't you say that for any hero story? (Albeit a few small differences between them.) Joseph Campbell, an American mythologist, once wrote a *Hero's Journey*, using a summary of steps that most, if not all, heroes take part of in their stories. He even wrote a book called *The Hero with a Thousand Faces*, in which he says, "A hero ventures forth from the world of common day into a region of supernatural wonder: fabulous forces are there encountered and a decisive victory is won: the hero comes back from this mysterious adventure with the power to bestow boons on his fellow man." This quote pretty much describes all heroes' journeys, whether it be Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, Hercules, the Pevensie children, or even the main character from the fantasy book I'm trying to write now.

Give Percy Jackson a chance. He may not be Harry Potter, and he may not be as likeable and as well known as that boy wizard is, but he has a good story to tell. You may be surprised by how much you'll love his hero's journey.

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Terrorists' banks filled with American change?



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On Tues. Feb. 23, the United States Supreme Court began hearing arguments in a case involving the United States government and an organization called the Humanitarian Law Project. The controversy in this case revolves around a federal law enacted in 1996 and amended during the Bush administration's years that forbids American citizens from providing forms of "material support" to any terrorist groups or organizations. A battle has erupted between those who support the Bush-era anti-terror policies and those who believe the civil liberties of Americans are at stake under these laws.

The law in question, as stated earlier, was first put into action in 1996 and received a boost as a result of the U.S.

Patriot Act. The provisions of this act that are being challenged in the Supreme Court address the legality of American citizens aiding known terrorist groups abroad. According to the Humanitarian Law Project, the law violates the principles upheld by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because it restricts the organization's capacity to supply aid and support to groups or areas that it deems in need of humanitarian assistance.

More specifically, the organization has stated that the terror-fighting law interferes with its mission statement of being "dedicated to protecting human rights and promoting the peaceful resolution of conflict by using established international human rights laws and humanitarian law." This is certainly a goal that makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside; however, working to undermine an indispensable policy with the false notion of "protecting" civil liberties is naïve.

The plaintiffs have cited their activities, specifically providing support for the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), as being unjustifiably restricted by the U.S. government. For fear of being arrested and prosecuted for aiding known terrorist groups, the plaintiffs have been staunch in their opposition to the law.

It should be noted that the PKK is a Kurdish separatist group operating in Turkey and has been held responsible for numerous kidnappings, assassinations, and bombings targeted at both government officials and civilians. Similarly, the LTTE was an equally violent separatist group located in Sri Lanka. The LTTE,

aka the Tamil Tigers, gained notoriety for five large massacres, being an innovator in the use of the hidden bomb vest during its countless suicide bombings, and in its use of child soldiers. These are some of the groups the Humanitarian Law Project is so desperately trying to help. How can the plaintiffs actually argue that the U.S. government is in the wrong in impeding their right to provide humanitarian assistance to groups that murder innocent civilians? Isn't it funny how the world works?

Not only has American citizens' support for the PKK and LTTE been targeted, but aid to other well known terrorist groups has also been halted. The law being challenged has given the U.S. government the ability to apprehend over 100 citizens who have attempted to offer material support and aid to groups like Hezbollah and al-Qaeda.

So what is considered material support under this law? First, "material support and resources" entails financial and economic aid. Second, it includes "lodging, training, expert advice or assistance, safehouses." And the final aspects of the law involve physical supplies such as weapons, explosives, transportation, and manpower. This definition of support and resources can be found in the United States code (18 U.S.C.A. § 2339A and § 2339B). Is the outlawing of these activities so unreasonable?

Simply speaking, it is illegal for American citizens to give money to, house and/or train, and supply known terrorist groups. Americans should not be permitted to act as a supply train, no matter how minor, for international terrorism. If our government were to allow money

and resources coming from the United States to go towards the dangerous efforts of terrorists, then it would be a clear example of dereliction of duty. We must not forget that the activities of terrorists endanger American soldiers and American civilians, and threaten world stability. The Humanitarian Law Project ought to consider the human rights of the innocent people under threat from terrorism, not the groups who murder. The Humanitarian Law Project and others with the same train of thought are nothing more than enablers of global terrorism.

This anti-terror policy has done nothing but save lives and cut off supply lines to known terrorist groups. Let's not forget that it is illegal to provide material support to terrorists, but it is perfectly legal to voice your beliefs and support for these groups. The inalienable right to free speech is still there. Those Americans who support terrorism in the name of humanitarianism and under the protection of the Constitution have every right to make their opinions known and that can never be taken away.

Both the Bush and Obama administrations have and are continuing to rightfully defend this necessary anti-terror law. The enacted provisions of this law are neither overbearing nor unfair. If we can keep this policy from being watered down, it will certainly be a win for security and freedom.

The thought of American dollars, quarters, and pennies lining the pockets of well known terrorist groups is unsettling to say the least. We must do everything possible to isolate and defeat terrorism, even here at home.

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ther of these goals came to fruition. For the collective, this came to no surprise. We spent the entire week attempting to invite Sodexo workers only to receive a variation on "We were told not to talk about this stuff." During lunches with some of the workers, I was even told of reactionary measures to the Worker Appreciation Event by the Sodexo managers. Multiple workers commented on being pulled into meetings in groups of fives to discuss the prospect of a workers' union and the

dangers of attending our event.

Effectively, it seems as if Sodexo created an unspoken terror over an event that was solely dedicated for workers' appreciation. Previous to these meetings, workers seemed mostly eager to engage with a student group to discuss the possibility of organizing. That hope and excitement seemed to be stripped away from even the most vocal advocates of a workers' organization.

There are many ways in which to instill fear without coercion or force. "Informational meetings" about

unions is one way. Treating a Worker Appreciation Event as a trap is another. Having Campus Safety standing at the front door also seemed to do the trick. In keeping with our "Caring College" values and community ethics, the College community must procure a safe atmosphere for open discussion, where workers and students can open a dialogue about rights, free of intimidation. For the student body, it is time to stand up, join the collective, and allow equality to flourish.

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Specter allocates \$121 million for P.A. transportation

By SHANNON TOMLINSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Senators Arlen Specter and Bob Casey announced a budget of \$121 million for Pennsylvania's regional transportation systems. The rail and pedestrian systems

are getting these major boosts from competitive grants. On Feb. 17 in Washington, D.C., Specter and Casey stated that the Department of Transportation awarded the \$121 million in federal funding for two Pennsylvania-regional transportation projects. The "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" or the "T.I.G.E.R." Discretionary Grants Program provides the new funding as part of the Recovery Act of 2009, signed into law one year ago Feb. 17. Senator Specter said, "These two projects help achieve the goals of the stimulus package by creating jobs and promoting long-term economic recovery through investments in transportation infrastructure."

Senator Casey commented, "It is good to see that one year after the Recovery Act was signed into law that it continues to help the people of Pennsylvania and the country. The funds going to these two regional transportation projects will help create jobs and encourage economic growth in the Commonwealth and help protect our environment by further developing the regional freight rail system and creating a bicycle and pedestrian network connecting Eastern Pennsylvania to Southern New Jersey."

Ninety-eight million dollars from the T.I.G.E.R. grant program will be going towards the National Gateway, a public-private partnership to establish a state-of-the-art rail corridor linking Midwestern markets with Mid-Atlantic Ports.

An I-70/I-76 Corridor will be developed between Washington D.C. and northwest Ohio via Chambersburg and Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. The rail traffic will be improved by the funding between these regions by making upgrades to the tracks, and equipment and facilities to allow for more efficient double-stack trains. The National Gateway, by increasing rail access and supplying new shipping options, is expected to diminish overall freight shipping expenses on goods entering and leaving Pennsylvania by almost \$500 million. The project will additionally provide nearly 10,000 job opportunities during the first phase of construction and more than 54,000 jobs over a 30 year period.

The Great PA-NJ Project was also awarded \$23 million by the Department of Transportation to generate an integrated, multi-county pedestrian and bicycle network between Southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. The 108-mile system, when completed, will link cities such as Reading, Chester, Philadelphia, and New Hope in Pennsylvania with Cherry Hill and Trenton in New Jersey. More transportation options will be created by this urban greenway for the region's six million inhabitants and is calculated to establish 1,400 jobs. The funding will be used to fill 17 important gaps in the network through bridge repair and replacement, safety enhancement, and construction of urban trail connectors.

For the city of Philadelphia, this project was marked as a top priority, which cited the benefits: economic, safety, and mobility, for encouraging non-motorized transportation modes.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Few Snow Showers/ Wind	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 27	High: 36 Low: 26	High: 39 Low: 28

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In the Haas College Center, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from the generator being tested by Plant Operations. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 15 - Injured Visitor - At 2345 Liberty St., there was a report of an injured person due to tripping on the sidewalk. A Campus Safety officer drove the individual to the hospital.

Feb. 15 - Lost Property - In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Feb. 15 - Larceny/Theft - On campus, there was a report of a stolen Muhlenberg College parking sticker from a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 15 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Feb. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - In South Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. Allentown Fire Department responded. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 16 - Hit and Run - On Chew St., there was a report of a hit and run. The operator of either vehicle was unable to be identified.

Feb. 17 - Sick Student - In Prosser Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 17 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. A beer ball was confiscated and placed in the evidence closet. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 17 - Harassment - In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of harassment between students. Residential Services has been notified.

Feb. 17 - Larceny/Theft - Off campus, there was a report of theft of several items from the ice hockey arena off campus. The victim was advised to

report the incident to the Whitehall Police Department. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 17 - Institutional Vandalism - In Walz Hall, there was a report of vandalism as bottles were found in the bathroom. Residential Services and Housekeeping were notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 18 - Lost Property - On campus, there was a report of a lost wallet containing several items including a Muhlenberg College ID card.

Feb. 18 - Institutional Vandalism - In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of broken fire extinguisher glass. There are no suspects at this time. Housekeeping was notified to clean up



the glass. A work order was submitted to repair the problem.

Feb. 18 - Hit and Run - On Chew St., there was a report of a hit and run. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 18 - Hit and Run - On Liberty St., there was a report of a hit and run. There are no suspects at this time. The victim was advised to call Allentown Police Department.

Feb. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2152 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 18 - Injured Student - In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 428 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cleaning the oven. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 19 - Check the Welfare/Locate - In Walson Hall, there was a report of an individual on the fire escape. The individual came down.

Feb. 19 - Sick Student - In Brown Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and

Feb. 19 - Injured Student - In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 19 - Injured Student - In Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 20 - Disturbance - In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a disturbance between students. Campus Safety officers spoke with the individuals. There was no further incident. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 21 - Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport - In East Hall, A Block, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. The student was cited by Allentown Police Department for underage drinking. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 20 - Disturbance - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a disturbance. Allentown Police Department responded. Individuals were spoken to. There was no further incident. The investigation will continue.

Feb. 21 - Noise Complaint (College Violation) - On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Alcohol was involved. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the individuals. There was no further incident. Referred to the Health Center and the Dean of Students.

Feb. 21 - Injured Student - In the Center for the Arts, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - At 2442 Tilghman St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 21 - Sick Student - At Egner Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

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OFF CAMPUS...

Lehigh Valley Health Network to attain new children's emergency unit by spring 2011

On Monday, the Lehigh Valley Health Network announced that by spring 2011 there will be the region's first ever children's emergency department. It will be added to the Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest location and will be a major help to children from the Valley and also from the Poconos, where there are currently no children's emergency departments.

The unit will have eleven beds and will be staffed by thirty-seven doctors, nurses, and specialists in pediatric medicine. The unit will replace what is now being used as office space next to the emergency room at the hospital. Dr. Richard MacKenzie is the Lehigh Valley Health Network's Chairman of Emergency Medicine and he noted that the Cedar Crest division of the hospital network already have full services for pediatric patients, an entire floor for pediatrics, and also a neonatal intensive care unit. He added, "This is the last piece of the equation, making us almost a children's hospital within a hospital."

The Network as a whole is staffed by sixty pediatric doctors encompassing twenty-six specialties including pediatric oncology, surgery, and anesthesiology. Dr. MacKenzie said that while many hospitals have doctors with training in pediatric medicine, not all have units dedicated exclusively to children. He also noted that the emergency room at LVH Cedar Crest reaches more than 70,000 patients annually and he thinks that it's a good time to start a separate department for children.

Dr. MacKenzie further talked about the importance of this new unit. He said children from the Valley who need special emergency care have to go to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia or Morristown Memorial Hospital in New Jersey.

The unit will also have a "child life specialist" to counsel the children and their families but also to have fun with the children and help them to keep being children and not just patients. Dr. MacKenzie reassured that all of the medical personnel in the department will have the training and desire to work with children. They will be motivated to do everything from inserting an IV to soothing a scared, ill child. "If you have children, you tend to talk to them totally differently; it's the way we communicate with them," he said. "The staff that are caring for them will have a passion for pediatric patients."

Bethlehem's Sands Casino to add new table games and provide nearly 400 jobs

The recently-opened Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem, PA, which has encountered much success since its summer 2009 opening, is looking to add 89 table games to its repertoire. The casino currently boasts 3,250 slot machines, along with rooms for overnight stay, chef Emeril Lagasse's restaurant Emeril's Chop House, and lounges with nightly band performances.

The new tables would not only be a welcome addition to the up-and-coming casino, but would prove to work as a boost within the current state of the economy. Adding these table games, which would include poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, Pai Gow poker, three card poker, and Texas Hold'em tables, would create 393 jobs. These jobs would be broken down into 275 dealers, 40 supervisors, 5 positions in a newly-formed casino credit department, and 19 in the casino tables accounting department. The application was filed with the Pennsylvania Gaming control board this past Monday, and since its passing, many people are anticipating its success.

Hopes are high for the additions to Sands, especially after production of a high-scale Sands hotel was put on hold back in November of 2008 due to economic woes. The hotel was to have a proposed 300 rooms, along with a 3,600-seat events center and a shopping mall. The current indefinite postponement of this project has both the Sands staff and local residents hoping for some upgrades, and, hopefully, the approval of the application for these table games will serve as just such an upgrade.

The application was accepted and the Gaming Board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal for Thurs., Mar. 11 at 10 a.m. in Bethlehem's Town Hall. Gaming Board spokesman Richard McGarvey spoke out on the matter, saying, "now that the application has been accepted, the clock is running. The board will have a decision within 60 days." The table games were approved by State legislators earlier in January. Pending final approval, the tables will be up in Sands sometime between July and September of this year.

Should the application be approved, the new employees will be trained at local Northampton Community College in Bethlehem. The addition of jobs, along with a greater range of activities for Sands visitors, could potentially increase the success and popularity of the growing casino.

Information courtesy of the *Morning Call*



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environmentally friendly car-sharing program."

Landman has had the experience of working on Student Government for the past two years and on the Executive Board for Student Government for the past year. He believes the key characteristic for any Student Body President is commitment.

He has been present during the terms of Jon Falk and Sara Keller '10 and will look to their presidencies as a way to guide his future. Landman states, "Something that spanned between the presidencies of Sara Keller and Jon Falk was the Assessment and Review Committee. Under the leadership of the Vice President, Jordan Sones, the internal structure of Student Government was completely revamped. These changes helped to provide the potential for the Student Government Association to become much more effective." He feels very passionately about continuing the progress that was started by these changes to improve Student Government's impact on this campus.

He adds, "We have the structure in place now, so it is up to us to use it to its full potential." During his presidency, Landman desires to do some things differently than Jon Falk.

He wants to survey the public opinion multiple times throughout his presidency. Furthermore, Landman wishes to get Student Government's name out to the body and make the populace aware that SGA is trying their best to serve them to their best ability. Landman comments, "As representatives of the body, we only work to implement what the student body desires, thus I believe it is important to engage them more often and in different ways. I want to ensure that we are effectively communicating both to and from the Student Body."

Voting took place from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Seegers Union. Students used computers to cast their votes and the results were posted shortly after the voting came to a close. The Election Oversight Committee verified these results and the election as a whole. After the EOC completed their responsibilities, the Vice President of Student Government, Jordan Sones '10, and Lee Kølbe, Student Government Advisor, posted the results declaring Samuel Landman the President-Elect. This year's election ran very smoothly compared to last year's glitch with the computer system causing manual votes to be cast from 6pm-8pm.

After the election, President-Elect Landman sat down with *The Weekly* for an exclusive interview. When asked what motivated him to run for Student Body President, Landman responded, "I was motivated to run for Student Body through the middle of my term as Executive Secretary as I realized engaging the Student Body and helping improve our school is truly what I enjoyed doing with my spare time. After watching Jonathan Falk and his charismatic leadership, I knew that I wanted to step up to the plate and show the Student Body that I could do the same for them."

Landman will acquire his new position as Student Body President on April 7. On that day, current Student Body President, Jon Falk '10 will pass down the gavel to the new President. In anticipation of that event, he will enjoy getting used to his new title of President-Elect Samuel Landman.

This Week In History

In 1790, the first United States Census was authorized. The US Constitution has mandated the Census every ten years since then. The Census tabulates the amount of people per Congressional district in order to allocate Congressional seats, electoral votes, and government program funding. The last Census in 2000 determined that there were 281,421,906 residents of the United States. This Census is predicted to show the number top the 300,000,000 mark.

In 1793, George Washington held his first Cabinet meeting as President of the United States. During Washington's term, the Cabinet only consisted of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, Attorney General, and the Postmaster General. The current Cabinet consists of 15 departments.

In 1863, Arizona is organized as a United States territory.

In 1964, the Italian government asked for help to keep the Leaning Tower of Pisa from toppling over. The tower, which was originally meant to stand vertically, began leaning in 1173 due to a poorly laid foundation. Currently, the top of the tower is 12 feet 10 inches from where it would stand if the tower were perfectly vertical.

In 1940, basketball was televised for the first time. The game, between Fordham University and the University of Pittsburgh was broadcast from Madison Square Garden.

In 1991, the First Gulf War officially ended. It resulted in impositions of sanctions against Iraq and the removal of Iraqi invasion forces from Kuwait.

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In 1555, the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil was founded. The city, now popular for Carnivale, is the second most popular city in Brazil. This year, the city was also awarded to be the host city for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

In 1953, the Academy Awards were first broadcast on television.

In 1972, the first National Pig Day is celebrated on March 1st.

In 1974, the first issue of People Magazine is published.

Studies show napping is beneficial

BY VALERIE PATRIARCA
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Every college student finds him or herself napping throughout the day even if they

are not tired. Why is this so? Are we all just lazy college kids, or is there something else to it?

Perhaps we blame it on the fact that we had a little too much fun over the past weekend (if there is such a thing) or maybe the past all nighter had something to do with it. Whatever the reason, nap away! New evidence found by the University of California at Berkley is showing the beneficial aspects of napping.

"Whether your sleepiness is due to an intoxicating amount of shots or the fact that you actually put time into studying, napping will actually do you worlds of good when it comes to your failing academics.

Studies show that naps actually make you more intelligent! Yes, that's what it is saying. By napping, your body is making room for new information to enter

the brain.

So when you are pulling that all nighter and you have come to that point when you feel as if you can no longer absorb any more information, nap! The study, based on two separate groups (nappers and non-nappers), were given a difficult task they had to learn. The nappers received 90-minutes of shut eye while the non-nappers were forced to remain awake.

At 6 pm, six hours after both groups were given their original tasks, they were given an additional task to learn. As one can assume, the nappers were able to learn the new task significantly better than those who were unable to take a rest. The period between which the two tasks were learned was only six hours (from noon-6pm). This is practically similar to taking a 9 am class then another at 3 pm.

Research shows that information is first stored in the brain's hippocampus, then it is moved to long-term memory in the prefrontal cortex.

In laymen's terms, when you take a nap, the information is moved, allowing for new information to be absorbed into the short-term memory bank once you awake.

More clearly stated, "It's as though the e-mail inbox in your hippocampus is full and, until you sleep and clear out those e-mails, you're not going to receive any more mail. It's just going to bounce until you sleep and move it into another folder." Professor of Psychology at University of California Berkley stated.

For those of you who feel that an all nighter may be necessary, first keep in mind the following information. The research also showed that those who pulled all nighters decreased their ability to learn by 40%, where as napping for 60 minutes significantly increased their ability. Once you reach a certain point, you can no longer retain information, therefore making it that much more impossible to succeed on that exam the next day.

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didn't kill myself last year. I'm alive today because of you. Thank you."

Since TWLOHA's vision and the purpose of *PostSecret* to set people free by letting them anonymously tell their secrets overlap, Active Minds decided to organize "Secret's Out!" as the College's own version of *PostSecret*. From Feb. 8-12 dropboxes and notecards were present around campus for students to write down their own secrets and submit them to the "Secret's Out!" project. Then on Feb. 13 the secrets were taken out of the boxes and displayed on the Garden Room windows. The project got a significant response from the student body and there were a wide-range of secrets anonymously divulged. The secrets have since been removed from the windows and are in the process of being made into a scrapbook that will be on display in the library for anyone to look at.

"We felt that the two movements had extremely important and significant messages especially for our students. Right now we are living the best years of our lives but we are also experiencing uncertainty, constant pressure to succeed, and stressed because of our daily lives. TWLOHA reminds us of the positive things, that we are loved and life is something to enjoy. Similarly, "Secret's Out!" let us get out our frustrations and the things that plague us from day to day. Active Minds is very content with the success of the event and hope to expand it next year!" stated Kelly Frazee '11, Founding President of Active Minds at Muhlenberg.

Active Minds next awareness initiative is National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (this week!) and is co-sponsored with G.I.R.L.S. Stop by the table in Seegers to see their Barbie display, pick up some informational flyers, or to grab a pin to wear on your shirt to show your support!

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Life!

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

- John Lennon

"Growing Up Artfully" encourages educators to teach the arts

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

Valley arts community and supports the arts in education, will hold its annual workshop about the arts in education. It will be from 1:30-5 pm at Penn State Lehigh Valley's new Center Valley campus.

Entitled "Growing Up Artfully," the event will honor three K-12 programs that bring quality arts experiences to students who, in turn, bring those experiences to their communities. Each of these programs will be bestowed awards which credit their excellence in teaching the arts as a part of their curriculum. These programs will also be offered ideas on how to improve even further through a collaboration of educators and arts professionals.

"Growing Up Artfully" will showcase the best programs in the area and build upon those of last year's arts-in-education survey.

On Wed. April 14 the Lehigh Valley Arts Council, a nonprofit, membership-supported organization which acts as a regional ambassador for the Lehigh

This presents the educators with an opportunity to see how others incorporate the arts into their education and gives them a chance to exchange ideas and thoughts. Act 48 credits will also be awarded to those who attend.

The Keynote Speaker at the conference will be Dr. James S. Catterall from UCLA.

A nationally recognized arts educator and author of "Doing Well and Doing Good by Doing Art," Catterall demonstrates in the book that students who have a more intense involvement in the arts during Middle and High School have higher levels of achievement in college and are more likely to volunteer and participate in politics.

After the presentation of the awards, a reception will occur where excellence in arts-in-education will be celebrated, along with the 21st birthday of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council. There will also be a cake-decorating contest judged by Lauri Ditunno, celebrity chef and featured cake designer on WE TV's "Amazing Wedding Cakes."

To register and purchase tickets online, visit www.LVArtsCouncil.org. Tickets are: \$25 for Arts Council Members and \$40 for nonmembers. \$10 additional fee for Act 48 credit. Refreshments will be provided.

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The Messenger comes to the Civic Theatre of Allentown

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

Beginning on Fri, February 26, *The Messenger*, the critically-acclaimed war film and directorial debut of Oren Moverman, will be playing at the Allentown Civic Theatre, which is proud to host the best of independent, foreign, art house, and documentary films.

Nominated for Best Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor (Woody Harrelson) at the 2010 Academy Awards, *The Messenger* follows the struggle of American soldier, Will Montgomery (Ben Foster), who returns home after being injured in Iraq and is assigned to the Army's Casualty Notification service. While working alongside veteran officer Tony Stone (Harrelson), Will comes



Woody Harrelson and Ben Foster in *The Messenger*

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to terms with his pain and deals with the reality of his new mission. He finds himself attracted to Olivia (Samantha Morton) to whom he has delivered the news of her husband's death. As the film progresses, his emotional detachment begins to dissolve and the film becomes surprising, humorous, and a very real human portrayal of grief, friendship, and survival. The film also stars Jena Malone, Peter Francis James, and Steve Buscemi.

Showtimes for *The Messenger* from Fri. February 26-Thurs. March 4: Fri, Feb 26: 8 pm; Sat., Feb. 27: 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm; Sun. Feb. 28: 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm; Mon.-Thurs., March 1-4: 7:30 pm.

The Civic Theatre 514 is located at 514 N. 19 Street in Allentown. For more information call 610-432-0888 or visit www.civictheatre.com.

Time to roll out the Red Carpet

By TORIE PAONE
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Are you looking for something to do over spring break? The 82nd Annual Academy Awards will be shown on Sun, Mar 7 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

The movies this year were very diverse in terms of themes and genres. However, the one common thread that seems to be very apparent in the nominated movies is "courage." If you really want to be up-to-date and ready for the Academy Awards, go and see the few nominated movies that are still in theatres.

The talent displayed in these films from the actors to the producers is amazing and worth a night filled of popcorn, family, and fun!

The movies that are in the running for the category Best Picture include *A Serious Man*, *An Education*, *Avatar*, *The Blind Side*, *District 9*, *The Hurt Locker*, *Inglorious Basterds*, *Precious*, *Up*, and *Up in the Air*. Because the haul of movies was so incredible this year, the Academy decided that they needed to increase the number of nominees from five movies to eleven.

Despite the increased number of movies in the

category, *Avatar* is expected to win Best Picture. It is also expected to win for its amazing special effects, the inspiring music by James Horner (famous for his musical scores in *Alien* and *Titanic*), and the touching storyline akin to the Disney movie *Pocahontas*. While critics have attacked *Avatar* for its length and its unoriginal theme,

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its success is inevitable and incredible, surpassing James Cameron's other box office hit, *Titanic*.

The actors in the running for the category of Best Actor include Jeff Bridges for his role in *Crazy Heart*, George Clooney for his role in *Up in the Air*, Colin Firth for his role in *A Serious Man*, Morgan Freeman for his role

in *Invictus*, and Jeremy Renner for his role in *The Hurt Locker*. Jeff Bridges is the favorite in this category for his touching performance as a 57-year-old alcoholic-songwriter named Bad, who was once a star of country music. He has a history of failed marriages and lives a miserable life singing and playing his guitar in rundown bars. It is not until he meets a young journalist Jean

Craddock (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and her four-year-old son that he is inspired to get his life back on track. The movie continues to show the struggle Bad faces to remain clean and sober.

The actresses in the running for the category of Best Actress include Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side*, Helen Mirren for her role in *The Last Station*, Carey Mulligan for her role in *An Education*, Gabourey Sidibe for her role in *Precious*, and Meryl Streep for her role in *Julie & Julia*. Meryl Streep is the favorite in this category because she mastered the mannerisms and persona of Julia Child. However, she has some serious competition from Gabourey Sidibe, who portrays a black and pregnant sixteen year old who has HIV and is abused by her mother.

The actors nominated for Best Supporting Actor include Matt Damon for his role in *Invictus*, Woody Harrelson for his role in *The Messenger*, Christopher Plummer for his role in *The Last Station*, Stanley Tucci for his role in *The Lovely Bones*, and Christopher Waltz for his role in *Inglorious Basterds*. Both Woody Harrelson and Stanley Tucci are favorites in the category.

The actresses nominated for Best Supporting Actress include Penelope Cruz for her role in *Nine*, Vera Farmiga

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Coastal Cuisine is a catch!



A Taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS AND
MELISSA GOLDENBERG
LIFE COLUMNISTS

This past weekend, we found a true treasure. Mangos Restaurant is located at 3750 Hamilton Boulevard, across from Dorney Park. Mangos serves coastal cuisine, and many of their dishes include different tropical ingredients, such as coconut, avocado, and mango. It is interesting how they incorporate these somewhat exotic ingredients in unexpected ways. The different pairings of spices and flavors create distinct flavors that make the coastal cuisine unique from other types of foods. Mangos is decorated nicely, and creates an intimate setting perfect for a special night out with friends, or a significant other.

We arrived for with a reservation, because we were not sure if we needed one. When we got there at 6:30 pm, it was very quiet, with only a few other parties seated. In the future, a reservation is not necessary, but if you are

dining with a larger crowd, a reservation might be a good idea.

The service at the restaurant was exceptional. Our waiter, Givon, was very attentive, and even took our orders without writing it down. He was friendly, personable, and knowledgeable about the menu. He was able to give us wonderful recommendations on what to order, and made our dining experience very pleasurable.

To start, we ordered nachos and the tuna tartar stack to share. The nachos were served with pico de gallo, black bean queso sauce, mango hot sauce, cilantro crème fraiche, cheddar and pepper jack cheese, and chicken. My friend Sam said, "They were the best nachos I've ever had! I would definitely order them as a meal." The tuna tartar was served with mangos, avocados, mango chili gastrique, whole grain crostinies, and yucca root chips. The tartar had three layers; a layer of diced mangos, a layer of avocado, and the top layer was the tuna. The plate was garnished with the mango chili gastrique, and accompanied by crostinies and yucca chips to eat with the

tartar. The dish had a distinctive flavor, and all of the components worked well with each other to create a delicious appetizer.

For our main courses we ordered the citrus grilled mojo chicken salad, the pink peppercorn seared tuna, and the grilled mojo chicken breast. The grilled chicken salad was with spring mix, pico de gallo, tropical salsa, toasted macadamia nuts, and a mango dressing. The chicken was moist and flavorful, which was a great component to the salad. The citrus flavorings of the chicken, the salsa, and the salad dressing truly incorporated the coastal style of cooking. The seared tuna was flavored with pink peppercorn and served with yellow rice, black beans, chili nut oil, and a jicama salsa. This dish had an element of spice to it, which also indicated the coastal and Caribbean flavors and spices. Lastly, the grilled chicken breast was flavored similarly to the chicken in the salad and served with yellow rice, black beans, citrus mojo sauce, and a tropical salsa.

Make sure you go to Mangos on an empty stomach! The portions at this restaurant are generously sized, and by the time dessert came around we were completely stuffed. But of course, we wanted to check out the different dessert options, so we ordered what our waiter highly recommended: the caramel tres leches. For those of you who do not know, tres leches is a moist sponge cake or sometimes a butter cake that is soaked in three different kinds of milk: evaporated milk, condensed milk, and heavy cream. At Mangos, they put their own twist to it and add caramel flavors to the cake. The cake was succulent and really melted in your mouth. It also had rich flavors, which ended our meal on a sweet note. We all decided that it was one of the best desserts that we have ever had, and truly ended our meal on a sweet note.

Depending on what you order, this restaurant may be a little pricy. There are definitely options for those on a low budget, like us college students. Since the portions are so large, one could order an appetizer for their meal, which is certainly enough food and less expensive than the main course items.

Keep Mangos in mind for your next adventure out with friends! This restaurant would even be a good place to take your parents when they come to visit, and maybe indulge in some of the pricier options.

This new find is on my all time favorite list of restaurants – we recommend everyone go over for an evening out at Mangos!

Write for Life!

Do you go to campus events? Do you have time to write about them?
Contact Melissa Roth at mr237786@muhlenberg.edu

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Feb. 25

- 1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from Noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Active Minds tabling: National Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Seegers Lobby from 10 am-6 pm
- 3) "The Other Shore" in the Black Box from 8 pm-11 pm
- 4) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

Fri. Feb. 26

- 1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from 12 noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Active Minds tabling: National Eating Disorders Awareness Week in Seegers Lobby from 10 am-6 pm
- 3) Midnight bowling at Playdrome Rose Bowl from 11:55 pm-3 am
- 4) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 5) Senior Recital, Allison Lobel from 7 pm-9 pm in Egner Memorial Chapel

- 6) "The Other Shore" in the Black Box from 8 pm-11 pm

- 7) Pancake Palooza in the Generals Quarters from 11 pm-2:30 am

Sat. Feb. 27

- 1) Making A Mark: The Etching Revival from Noon-8 pm in the Martin Art Gallery
- 2) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 3) Student Performers from 9 pm-1 am in the Red Door
- 4) "The Other Shore" in the Black Box from 8 pm-11 pm
- 5) Personalized Scurb Pants from 9 pm-Midnight in Seegers Lobby
- 6) Senior Recital, Jocelyn Gammon, Soprano from 7 pm-9 pm in Egner Memorial Chapel

Sun. Feb. 28

- 1) "The Other Shore" in the Black Box from 2 pm-5 pm
- 2) Anastasia Alexandrin: Female Epoch from 10 am-11 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

I did not receive any Ask Panda Girl letters at all this week! I hope this is a sign that everyone had a wonderful week. Or are you just shy? Remember, you can send any problems or concerns to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to Box 2072 via campus mail.

Advice of the Week:

Spring break is coming up fast! I know I am super excited, and I'm sure all of you are too. Keep in mind, though, we still have about eight days left before the blissful week of no classes. Professors may try to compensate for the week off by assigning a larger sum of work and the like. Do not let your brain go on vacation too early! Keep plowing through, keep up to date with your work and try your best until the end. You will find break more enjoyable if you don't have to worry about the consequences upon your return. Use this weekend wisely so you aren't up until 3:00 am working every night this week. Now, I'm not saying you should work yourselves to death, because that isn't healthy either. Keep up a strong and steady pace.

If you feel like you are starting to get overwhelmed, remember that a nice relaxing break is on the horizon. Try to schedule tiny breaks among your work. Perhaps after every page or thought

in a paper you write, take a five to ten minute intermission to check your Facebook or have a snack. Scheduling is a great way to make sure everything gets done, but don't forget to schedule some "me" time as well.

Also this week, allow me to play mommy for a moment. I've heard a lot of talk lately about students not eating breakfast due to laziness or lack of time. You know what they say, "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." This is quite true. As the name implies, breakfast breaks your overnight fast. Your body needs the nutrients and energy to refuel and take on the day. This is why most breakfast foods are rich in carbohydrates and proteins. Having breakfast, be it as big as an omelet from GQ or as small as a bowl of Cheerios in your room, will kick-start your body and help you feel more awake and alert in your classes. You will actually learn better if you eat breakfast! In addition, for those of you still sticking to your New Year's resolutions, eating breakfast will help you lose weight, because it starts your metabolism early in the day. Skipping it will cause your body to react by storing up energies and fats. Breakfast is better than you may realize! So grab your spoons and dig in.

Have a problem or concern and would like advice? Contact The Panda Girl with any and all issues at AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or via campus mail to Box 2072.

Question of the Week: What is your favorite Winter Olympic event?



"Men's halfpipe."
- Conor Choi, '12



"Luge."
- Joe Dellaripa, '12



"Bobsled."
- Hannah Zucker, '12



"Halfpipe."
- Joel Pelovitz, '11



"Curling."
- Jon Blau, '12

Courtesy of Rachel Brown

AMC Weekend Listings



Dear John

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:50

Cop Out

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:15, 5:00, 7:40

The Crazies

Fri. 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:20

The Lightning Thief

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Tooth Fairy

Fri. 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
Sat. 4:20, 6:50, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:20, 6:50

Shutter Island

Fri. 3:30, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 3:30, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 12:15, 3:30, 7:00

Shutter Island brilliantly excites viewers

BY RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

With the release of *Shutter Island*, director Martin Scorsese gave us an admirable thriller with which he may have created his own genre. *Shutter Island* will rattle your nerves from beginning to end. The rocky editing is a reflection of the fractured memories and shattered minds of the characters. It serves as a gripping, gory, and emotional gift from Scorsese a brilliant masterpiece. It will rock your emotional core. From one of America's greatest living directors, the movie is like the hospital it centers on, a contradiction. The not-so-exciting and cliché ending is accompanied by a compelling twist.

Shutter Island follows two US Marshals (Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo) to a hospital for the criminally insane that is located on a remote Massachusetts island. While heading an investigation on the disappearance of one of the patients, they encounter a sinister plot full of lies and deceit. When trapped there by a hurricane, the two set out to uncover what is really going on at the hospital.

I would call *Shutter Island* an intense combination of *Vertigo*, *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*, and *The Sixth Sense*. Scorsese takes us through the literal and mental

labyrinth of DiCaprio's fragmented mind. It is completely lifted from a character's driven emotion, and it is what drives the viewer through the rest of the film.

Shutter Island may not be smoothly edited or crafted but it is brilliantly put together nonetheless. Viewers watch hallucination after hallucination followed by cryptic foreshadowing as they walk through warped images of reality. Between the jagged camera movements and intentionally shoddy editing, it all telegraphs anxiety for the viewers as well as for the characters. The images that emanate from DiCaprio's troubled mind give the audience imitations of conspiracy theories, cold war shenanigans, stacks of corpses, and supernaturalism.

While DiCaprio is flawless and brilliant at once again sporting the popular Boston accent, his costar Mark Ruffalo is less impressive. However, the image of Michelle Williams drenched in smudgy makeup as a haunting memory sticks out as one of the memorable characters. Her presence in the film, in combination with espionage related psychological experimentation and haunting images that resonate through evocative dreams, present the film's true nature.

If you are prepared to be jolted and surprised by the twists and turns the movie offers, *Shutter Island* is definitely worth seeing.

"Shutter Island will rattle your nerves from beginning to end. It will rock your emotional core."

Amanda Seyfried Allentown native and *Vanity Fair* favorite

Amanda Seyfried first came onto the movie scene playing the ditzy character in *Mean Girls* who claimed that her boobs could tell the weather. Before being introduced in the movies, Amanda Seyfried had a recurring role on the short-lived TV show *Veronica Mars*, where she played the murdered best friend of the titular character.

Now the Allen High School graduate is a rising star on the silver screen. She is most recently cast as a main character in the box office hit *Dear John*, a film based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks.

She has in a way become the "go-to girl" for modern fairytales and is also cast in prominent roles in the forthcoming films, *Letters to Juliet* and *A Woman of No Importance*. She proved that she can not only act, but also sing, when she played the daughter of Meryl Streep in the movie adaptation of *Mamma Mia!*, the show based on the music of the Swedish band ABBA. Yet, her innocent roles

take a rest in the movie *Chloe*, a sexual thriller set to be released this month. In the film Seyfried is the reason for complication in a failing marriage. Seyfried is also known for her role on the HBO series, *Big Love*, where she plays the oftentimes conflicted daughter in the house of a polygamist.

Not only does Allentown love watching one of their own succeed but *Vanity Fair* has also given the spotlight to the actress.

She recently landed a spot on the magazine's cover of their young Hollywood edition for the second year. This time she shares the cover with other young, up-and-coming actresses Abbie Cornish, Carey Mulligan, Kristen Stewart, Evan Rachel Wood, Rebecca Hall, Anna Kendrick, Mia Wasikowska, and Emma Stone. The photo was taken by esteemed photographer Annie Leibovitz. The magazine is on newsstands right now.

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FROM CARPET | PAGE 9 for her role in *Up in the Air*, Maggie Gyllenhaal for her role in *Crazy Heart*, Anna Kendrick for her role in *Up in the Air*, and Mo'Nique for her role in *Precious*. Anna Kendrick, also known for her work in the popular *Twilight* movies, is a favorite to win the award, but must battle her co-star Vera Farmiga for the honor.

The directors nominated for Best Director include James Cameron for his work on *Avatar*, Kathryn Bigelow for her work on *The Hurt Locker*, Quentin Tarantino for his work on *Inglorious Basterds*, Lee Daniels for his work on *Precious*, and Jason Reitman for his work on *Up in the Air*. James Cameron, who has been developing the idea for *Avatar* for over sixteen years and who has surpassed himself in direction and income, is the favorite to win this category.

So enjoy your spring break, but don't forget to tune in to the Academy Awards to see who wins.

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Sun. Feb. 21: Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem to see the Vienna Piano Trio; free tickets; 22 person limit

Sat. Mar. 20: Carnegie Hall to see the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra; free tickets; 12 person limit

Sun. Mar. 28: Broadway to see *West Side Story*; \$15 tickets; 22 person limit

Sat. Apr. 17: Metropolitan Opera to see *Tosca*; \$10 tickets; 20 person limit

Olympic update!

By GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

With the Winter Olympic games set to wrap up Sunday, it is time to look back on some of the most thrilling and compelling story lines from Vancouver. As expected, the United States continued its Olympic dominance with history making performances from athletes like Lindsey Vonn, Bode Miller, and Anton Ohno. For Vonn, who many consider the best female skier America has ever produced, her battle did not necessarily come with the competition but rather with her badly bruised right shin that threatened her chance at winning alpine skiing gold. Through her hard work and a little luck from the weather, Vonn was able to capture both a gold and bronze medal. Her United States teammate Bode Miller also had to battle through some adversity that included questions about his work ethic and commitment to the sport. Miller responded with dominant performances in the Men's Downhill, Super-G, and Men's Super Combined netting a gold, silver, and bronze in the process.

In Men's Short Track speed skating, Anton Ohno became the most decorated United States Winter Olympian in history when he won his seventh career medal in the 1000 meter, passing the legendary Bonnie Blair. He also benefited from one of the most exciting 1500 meter races to date, as two Korean skaters made contact

with each other on the last turn, allowing Ohno sneak into second to take the silver. Fellow American J.R. Celski also benefitted from the Korean skater's lapse, as he took the bronze.

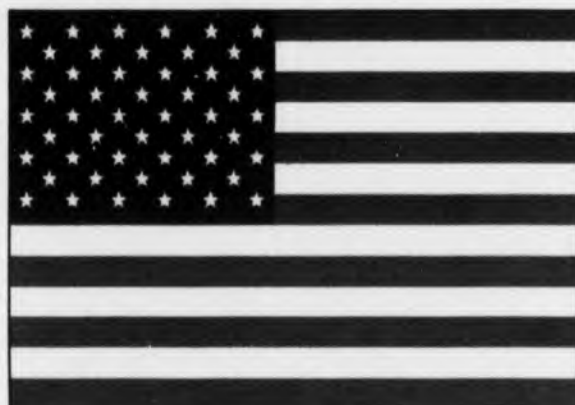
One final storyline to watch as the Games come to a close is the dominance of both the men's and women's American ice hockey teams. The women have made quick work of their opponents through the qualifying rounds, and they feel anything but the gold would be a let down. The men, coming off their first Olympic victory versus Canada in over 50 years, have the top seed in the tournament, and they too have their eyes on the gold.

Although the Games have not yet officially ended, there already is tension building for the 2014 Russian Winter Games as American gold medalist figure skater Evan Lysacek and Russian silver medalist Evgeni Plushenko have traded some words over the controversial scoring that took place in this year's competition. Some have already dubbed this duel "The Next Cold War," and it will certainly be interesting as the spotlight shifts to Russia four years down the road. Even with controversy, it is clear the Olympic Games bring out the best the world has to offer, and after these two weeks, I can easily say Vancouver did not disappoint.

American Gold Medallists

MEN

Bode Miller: Alpine Skiing- Super Combined
Shaun White: Snowboarding - Half Pipe
Evan Lysacek: Figure Skating
Seth Wescott: Snowboard - Cross

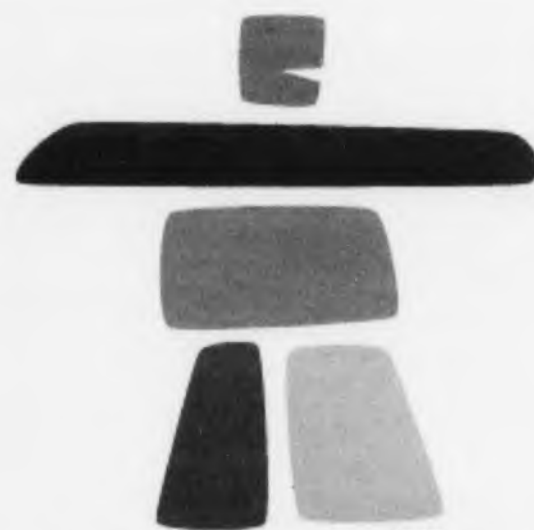


WOMEN

Lindsey Vonn: Alpine Skiing- Downhill
Hannah Kearney: Freestyle Skiing - Moguls

Olympic Rankings (as of Tues. Feb. 23)

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	UNITED STATES	7	9	10	26
2	GERMANY	7	9	7	23
3	NORWAY	6	5	6	17
4	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	3	4	6	13
5	CANADA	6	4	1	11
6	KOREA	5	4	1	10
6	AUSTRIA	4	3	3	10
6	FRANCE	2	3	5	10
9	SWITZERLAND	6	0	2	8
10	SWEDEN	3	2	2	7
11	NETHERLANDS	3	1	2	6
12	CHINA	3	1	1	5
13	POLAND	0	3	1	4
13	ITALY	0	1	3	4
15	SLOVAKIA	1	1	1	3
15	CZECH REPUBLIC	1	0	2	3
15	JAPAN	0	1	2	3
18	AUSTRALIA	1	1	0	2
18	LATVIA	0	2	0	2
18	BELARUS	0	1	1	2
18	CROATIA	0	1	1	2
18	SLOVENIA	0	1	1	2
23	GREAT BRITAIN	1	0	0	1
23	ESTONIA	0	1	0	1
23	FINLAND	0	1	0	1
23	KAZAKHSTAN	0	1	0	1



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Snow, snow, go away

BY GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

It is late February, and the College baseball team is eager to start their season off with a bang at home against King's on Saturday. One problem... the landscape surrounding the College resembles the North Pole. With snow and rain projected throughout the week and inches still on the ground from the last monster storm, it does not look like the team will be playing anytime soon- in Allentown at least. Over spring break, the team will make their annual trip to sunny Florida to compete in a tournament held this year at Dodgertown, Vero Beach, Florida. Even with the snow and rain, one thing is clear: the Mules are ready to make some noise in the Centennial Conference this spring.

Although last year did not produce the most stellar record (15-22-1), there are many returning players that will provide plenty of hope and excitement for this season. Although the Mules lost a total of eight varsity players, this season looks promising

as returning players, like senior second baseman Eric Pomroy, senior shortstop Dan Fisher, and senior pitcher Phil Cresta, look to provide true veteran leadership for a young but talented squad. All of these seniors played an integral role in last year's campaign. They contributed to one of the most memorable moments in recent years- the upset of nationally ranked Johns Hopkins on their home turf last April. This experience will prove to be extremely valuable, especially as the team fights down the stretch for what they hope will lead to a berth in the Centennial Conference playoffs. Speaking of Johns Hopkins, be sure to check in when the two teams meet again for another doubleheader on Sat., April 17, this time at the College's Cedar Creek Field. Look for Hopkins to come out fighting as they try to avenge one of their toughest losses of last year. It should make for one exciting day of baseball. As always, follow along all season and come out to support the team as the Mules push to play deep into the spring.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

Men's Basketball Feb. 20		Men's Lacrosse Feb. 21	
Mules	83	Mules	7
Ursinus	89	Stevens	8
Indoor Track and Field Feb. 19		Women's Basketball Feb. 20	
Keogh Invitational		Mules	80
Check Website for Results		Ursinus	46

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UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

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Men's Basketball Feb. 24	Baseball Feb. 27	Men's Tennis Feb. 26	Men's Golf Feb. 23
@ Ursinus 7:30	vs. King's 12:30	Penn State Berks 5:00	Gettysburg Spring Invitational
Feb. 24-28 CC Playoffs	Mar. 3 vs. Wilkes 3:30	Women's Tennis Feb. 28 @ Vassar 12:00	Feb. 27-28 McDaniel Spring Invitational
Women's Basketball Feb. 24-28 CC Playoffs	Outdoor Track and Field Feb. 27 Lafayette Seven-Way Meet	Men's Lacrosse Feb. 27 vs. Montclair State 12:00	Mar. 1 Moravian Spring Invitational
Indoor Track and Field Feb. 27 CC Championships @ Haverford	Mar. 3 Muhlenberg Invitational	Women's Lacrosse Mar. 3 @ Kean 4:00	Women's Golf Feb. 27 Dickinson Invitational

Men's Basketball lose in overtime at Ursinus, to meet again in opening round

By BENJAMIN LEVINE
Op/Ed Editor

Saturday, the Mules (12-13, 10-8) lost their fifth straight game of the season 89-83 at Ursinus (15-10, 11-7), finishing the season in fifth place. The crowd saw sophomore forward Spencer Liddic's twelfth double-double of the season - he scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. The Mules effort was also aided by junior guard Evan Tozer's 20 points and senior guard Brian Frankoski's 18 points. However, it wasn't enough as Ursinus finished the regular season sweep of Muhlenberg with an overtime win at home.

Men's Basketball has been sliding lately, losing at Haverford (10-13, 8-9) last Wednesday, their fourth loss in a row.

The Mules were trailing for the first 7:30 until senior forward Obi Nwizugbo laid it in to put the score at 12-11. Defensive rebounds and knock-down jumpers maintained the Mules' lead at 5, but the Fords fought back, tying the score at 22 with four minutes to go in the half. The Fords then went on an 8 point run to finish the half.

Despite fighting back to within 4 early in the half, the Mules saw the Fords' lead grow and were never

back in the game. The Mules lost 64-50. Throughout the game, the Mules struggled from the field and were outshot 31% to 45%. "In our recent skid, we have actually been playing very well," said head coach Scott McClary. "We have just gone through one of the worst shooting slumps in history... Our guys have continued to play hard and play together. As a coach, that is all I can ask of them."

Saturday saw a closer game. The Mules travelled to Ursinus, who were both fighting for home court advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. The Mules and Bears fought it out for the first ten minutes, but neither team could get an edge, and the game was tied at 16. The Bears then went on an 8-0 run thanks to 4 turnovers and 2 missed shots by the Mules. But, the Mules answered with a 7-0 run of their own, cutting the Bears' lead to 1. The end of the first half saw offensive bursts by both teams, but Ursinus prevailed with a 6 point lead.

The beginning of the second half was dominated by the Bears, and it took the Mules fifteen minutes, but they fought back to tie the game up with 5:19 left to play. Then, 2 points from the line and a 3 pointer by Tozer put the Mules up by

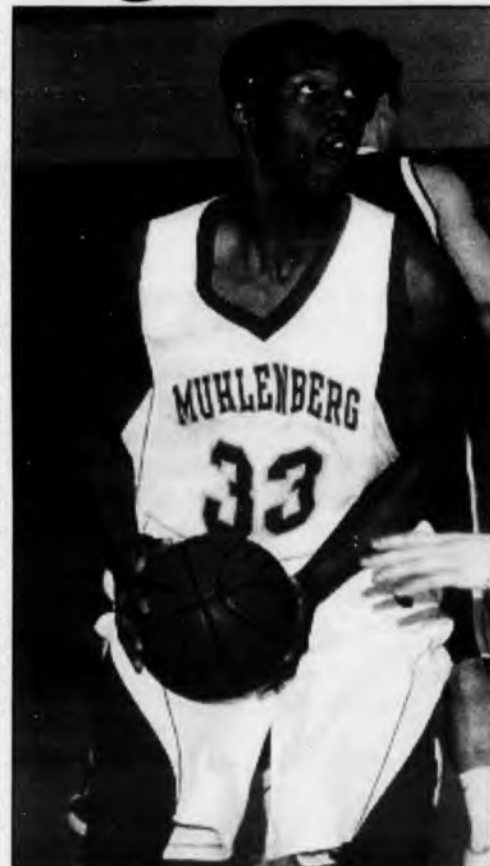
5. But, the Bears fought back to tie the game with 1:39 left and pulled ahead with a layup. The Mules answered with 2 clutch free throws by Liddic. After another Ursinus layup, the Mules got the ball with 35 seconds left. Frankoski drove down the baseline and laid it in, giving the Bears the ball with 18 seconds left to play. The Mules' stifling defense forced Ursinus to take a bad shot, sending the game into overtime at 69-69.

In overtime, the Mules saw their chances of winning slip away as Ursinus built a 9 point lead. However, Frankoski hit two from the charity stripe and Tozer hit a three to cut the deficit to 4. Ursinus did not give any more ground, however, going 6-6 from the line.

"Yesterday was a very tough loss indeed as we played well enough to have a chance to win, but came up short," said Coach McClary. "The guys have still been working their tails off."

The Mules will get a chance at redemption against Ursinus on Wednesday in the opening round of the Centennial Conference playoff.

The winner of that game will play conference-best Franklin & Marshall (21-4, 15-3) in the semi-finals.



Senior Obi Nwizugbo looks ahead to the playoffs.

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Men's and women's Basketball prepare for CC playoffs



Centennial Conference Playoff Schedules

Wednesday, February 24

(5) Muhlenberg (12-13) at (4) Ursinus (15-10), 7:30

Saturday, February 27 at Franklin & Marshall

(3) Washington (13-9) vs. (2) Gettysburg (14-10), 1:00

(1) Franklin & Marshall (21-4) vs. Muhlenberg or Ursinus, not before 3:00

Sunday, February 28 at Franklin & Marshall championship game, 3:00



Wednesday, February 24

(5) Dickinson (16-8) at (4) Johns Hopkins (15-9), 7:00

Saturday, February 27 at Muhlenberg

(1) Muhlenberg (20-4) vs. Dickinson or Johns Hopkins, 2:00

(3) McDaniel (18-6) vs. (2) Gettysburg (22-3), not before 4:00

Sunday, February 28 at Muhlenberg championship game, 2:00

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to go in the game, the team marched down the field playing for one final shot that would hopefully tie the game. On a valiant effort, the shot was taken, and saved: the game was over.

Senior Al Carpetto who scored a hat trick scored two of his three goals in the eventful third quarter, said in regards to the loss, "Our defense played solid throughout the game with few mistakes and our offense is coming around too; there were a lot of looks generated

and we just need to capitalize on them." Considering how the team performed against Stevens last year, this was a big victory, and the team will only bounce back to be stronger. Two tremendous goals scored by Clint Watkins were unassisted. The one goal loss trend is nothing new to the Mules; they experienced three of them last season. Coincidentally all three teams, Stevens, Haverford, and Gettysburg reached the NCAA Division Three Lacrosse Tournament. This loss was just the first game of the season, and the Mules have

nothing to worry about. They will look to bounce back from this heart-breaking loss against Montclair State on Feb. 27. Ironically, last season the Mules lost to Montclair State eight to seven.

This game will be revenge, as the Mules know they cannot lose two in a row. Carpetto also summarized his team's performance by stating, "I'm proud of the way we played for our first game, and now we need to build of this performance and get better each week as the year progresses."

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Women's Basketball enters Conference, honors McKeon

BY VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

For the second straight year, the College women's basketball team will host the Centennial Conference Tournament.

The Mules almost missed their opportunity to host after a 22 point loss to Gettysburg two weeks ago. They were, however, able to win two straight games and with a little luck, McDaniel beat Gettysburg. This put the Mules and Gettysburg in a tie for first place. Muhlenberg holds all tie breakers over Gettysburg which meant they were able to host the tournament.

The Lady Mules' last game of the regular season was against Ursinus this past Saturday. They secured the victory 80 - 46 in a game that in the past has been a strong rivalry.

Last season, the Mules snuck by Ursinus hitting a three pointer with just 1.2 seconds left in the game. But this year was different. Senior Alexis Bates stepped up with a season high 12 points and sophomore Alex Chili led all scorers with 14 points, and junior Kelly McKeon contributed another 13.

The Mules led by 12 at halftime and by 20 points for most of the second half including at 19-2 run at the start. Muhlenberg never gave Ursinus a chance to make it a close game.

A lay up by senior Brenna Ferster put the final touches on the win, giving the Mules a 34 point lead with just 1:23 left to play in the game.

This win was also the Mules' 20th of the season. The team became the first in Lady Mules' basketball history

to win 20 games in three back to back seasons. Later that day after the win, the Mules also found out that they would be hosting the tournament after hearing that Gettysburg had lost.

The Mules finished the regular season with a 17-3 record in the Centennial Conference and 20-4 overall.

The Centennial Conference Tournament will allow the Mules the opportunity to make history. If the women win, they will become the first team in Centennial Conference history to win three titles in a row and four in just five seasons.

Since the Mules are seeded 1st, they have a bye for the first round and will wait for the match-up between Dickinson and Johns Hopkins to see who their first opponent will be. The Mules will then play Saturday, Feb. 27 at 2:00. The Championship game will take place Sunday at 2:00.

Muhlenberg has a 13-10 overall record in the Centennial Conference playoff games, including a 10-3 at home.

Muhlenberg junior Kelly McKeon was voted women's co-player of the year by coaches, members of the media and sports directors at numerous colleges in the Lehigh Valley that were in attendance at the final Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball luncheon of the 2009-10 season in Bethlehem.

McKeon leads the 20-4 Mules in assists with 101 points, as well as 53 steals and 85 free throws. She is second in scoring with 13.4 points per game. As a point guard she also leads the team in rebounding with 7.6



Junior Point Guard Kelly McKeon was voted Women's Co-Player of the year of the Lehigh Valley.

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per game for the second straight year.

McKeon is the only player in the top 10 in the Centennial Conference in scoring, rebounding and assists. The number that shows just how vital McKeon is to her team is: 63, the number of wins Muhlenberg Women's basketball has had in McKeon's 75 career starts at point guard.

A first game loss is nothing to worry about



Senior Al Carpetto recorded a hat trick in the season opener against Stevens on Sunday.

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BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

The Men's Lacrosse team opened their season Sun., Feb., 20 at home against Stevens Institute of Technology who hail from Hoboken, New Jersey. Despite a disappointing loss eight to seven, the team looked strong and played tough throughout the whole game. Last season Stevens outplayed the Mules and the College took a devastating opening game loss sixteen to four. Even though the team could not put a tally in the win column, they played their hearts out from beginning to end. The Mules were able to outperform the Stevens Ducks in almost every statistical category. There was no shortage of shots for the Mules throughout the game, as they outshot Stevens 50-30. In addition, the team won 28 of the 51 ground balls, not to mention winning thirteen of eighteen face-offs on the day. Sophomore Nick Rispoli showed flashes of brilliance in the match, winning eight of the nine face-offs he took. Freshman Ian Jones was able to win another four out of eight face-offs as one of the few underclassmen to have playing time in the match.

After the first quarter of play, the Mules were on top three to two, but that changed in the second quarter when they were shut out three goals to none, including an unfortunate last-second goal from Stevens Institute. This put the score at five to three Stevens going in to the half. It was evident that changes would need to be made

going into the second half if the Mules were going to win this difficult match. They responded quickly, and the third quarter seemed to be the time that 'Berg would take charge and keep their lead until the clock expired. Three goals were scored, two by Al Carpetto and one by sophomore Clint Watkins. Stevens could not put a shot past goalie Mike Horowitz, who recorded ten saves, and the Mules had all the momentum heading into the final quarter of play. After three periods the score was six to five in favor of the Mules. Unfortunately, a sudden change of events sparked Stevens' fourth quarter run, where they were able to net three goals in the span of one minute and fifty one seconds including the equalizer, with eleven minutes and fifty four seconds to play in the game. This left a surplus of time for the Mules to come back. The team would not go away fighting their way through the game hoping to tie it up, and if possible, take the lead. Clint Watkins scored with eight minutes and forty-four seconds left in the game, breathing new life into the 'Berg players and giving Stevens just a one goal lead. The Mules' luck seemed to change towards the end of the game when sophomore Alex Ardolino's shot seemed to slide past Stevens' goalie, but the ball just missed the net and wound up next to it, keeping the Mules still down one. With a power play awarded to Muhlenberg and twenty five seconds

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Update from President Helm

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Thurs., Feb. 25, the President's Office distributed a letter to the campus to discuss the current state of affairs at the College. President Helm has sent several notices to the campus about the effect of the economy on the College. It should be noted that President Helm has been known to be very good at keeping the community informed of ongoing issues of importance over the past few years. Now with the failing economy taking its toll on colleges and universities, President Helm has taken the time to reassure the campus that the College is still going strong. We, here at *The Weekly*, felt it our responsibility to pass on the news in an abbreviated format.

The letter outlined several main priorities of the College. These included balancing the budget for the 2011 fiscal year; continuing to provide students with sufficient financial aid; and avoiding layoffs. According to the President, "at this point in FY 2010 we are on track to achieve all three of these priorities."

While the endowment decreased approximately 10% (or \$14 million) from the 2007 peak value, this decline is still a smaller percentage than any of the other benchmarking institutions. The President attributes this success to "robust giving and conservative investment policies."

In a previous edition, *The Weekly* reported on the achievement

of *The Talents Entrusted to Our Care* campaign. President Helm's letter echoed our findings and focused on the hugely successful endeavor taken on by the College's Development team. The campaign, which will be completed on June 30, was designed to raise \$105 million. As of Dec. 31, the campaign had already raised \$103.4 million. President Helm warned that "the campaign will have made us stronger and better in many ways, but it has not made us wealthy – and it must not make us careless or profligate."

Applications for admission have also not been negatively affected by the economic problems facing the nation. Regular applications have increased by 4%, even though early decision applications have decreased. Regardless, President Helm remains committed to keeping financial aid a priority. "The financial need of our applicants is higher than last year and we must retain budget flexibility to meet the need of new matriculants as well as the ongoing need of current students." This dedication to financial aid will mean increased pressure on other areas, such as the varying departments on campus.

President Helm does not fear that such pressure will result in monumental or harmful changes for the College, at least not in the immediate future. "I do not expect such adjustments to be unreasonably severe, or that they will compromise the quality of the Muhlenberg experience."

Haiti carnival a charitable success

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

On Thurs., Feb. 25, Students Organized to Stand with Haiti transformed Miller

Forum into a carnival.

SOS Haiti reached out to other clubs on campus for the event, which was held in order to raise money for Haiti through Partners in Health. The event raised around 425 dollars, making it the largest individual fundraiser for SOS Haiti events on campus.

To date, SOS Haiti has raised around \$2,500 to send to Partners in Health, which is one of the most transparent non-profit groups in the country. Fifteen of the campus' clubs from all areas of inter-est were at the event, including many fraternities and the Bio Club, Amnesty International, Synapse, and SHARE.

Three a cappella groups and two bands, the Girls Next Door, Dynamics, In Acchord, TV Babysitter, and Grant Harris, performed at the carnival. Food and games were available for a small donation, leading to a successful night of fundraising for an incredibly deserving cause.

Stephen Holden '10, who planned the event, expressed his overall perception that the event went very well. "Despite the snow, people came and showed great support for this cause. After the earthquake, thousands of people were left homeless and in dire need of medical care. I'm glad that I am a part of a campus-wide movement to alleviate the problems of this troubled country."



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Spring Break: Do's and Don'ts

As if you needed the update, only one more day until Spring Break! In honor of the highly-anticipated ten class-free days, our staff has put together a list of a few Do's and Don'ts for the week at home (or in Florida! Or Mexico... or Punta Cana... or Puerto Rico...)

DO, first and foremost, catch up on sleep! If you're lucky enough to be spending your days in the sun, sleep on the beach!

DO remember to wear sunblock. Sunburn in the middle of March is not only ironic, it's painful.

DO spend (at least some of) your time wisely! Deadlines for summer jobs and internships are coming up, and the week off is the perfect time to finish those pesky cover letters and resumes and send them in.

DO you remember all those Spring Break horror stories? As crazy as some may seem, people have gotten seriously injured, or worse, while just trying to have a good time. You're better off taking a few extra precautions and playing it safe.

DO plan a few day or weekend trips if you're staying local. Spring Breaks vary greatly between colleges, so it's the perfect time to visit some friends at other schools for a weekend.

DON'T put off all your coursework until the last weekend. You will regret missing end-of-break festivities if you do!

DON'T drink yourself into oblivion. We've all heard the cliché Spring Break stories, but please be responsible!

DON'T lose your passport, money or any other personal belongings.

DON'T do anything you know you'll regret. (Although keep in mind, any momentary lapse of judgment will someday be a story to look back on and laugh!)

DON'T feel the need to have a Spring Break worthy of MTV. There's a lot to be said for spending break curled up on the couch with your dog or reading a book on the beach. Either way, it's a well-deserved break. Enjoy it!

Letter to the Editor

To The Weekly:

Contained somewhere in the middle of Alex Breiding's recent column ("Students for Workers' Rights" Feb. 25), are principles with which I hope we all can agree: all workers "have a right to respect and dignity at work, fair wages, affordable healthcare, and the ability to organize and bargain collectively in order to secure these rights." Of course, people of integrity and good will often disagree about the definitions of several of these terms (our nation, for example, is deeply divided on the concept of "affordable healthcare").

While applauding the author's commitment to social justice, I cannot agree with his arguments, conclusions, or tactics. Communication among management, employees, and union organizers related to collective bargaining is governed by federal law designed to protect the rights of all parties. SEIU (and other unions) have ample opportunities to make their case to Sodexo workers. Furthermore, Sodexo employees are responsible adults with jobs and responsibilities who are capable of evaluating information and making decisions in their best interest and who have a right to privacy. Inviting workers to a "Worker Appreciation Party" that is actually

"aimed to create a safe space free of managerial powers to have a friendly discourse on the challenges and rewards of working for Sodexo at the College" is disrespectful of workers' freedom to make an informed choice as to when, where, and with whom they wish to engage in such conversations. It is also worth noting that the author's efforts are part of a broader effort mounted by a particular union throughout the Lehigh Valley (indeed, much of the prose is similar to material published in Lehigh University's newspaper). The reactions of some Sodexo employees to SEIU's efforts at Lehigh University can be found in the comments thread at: <http://media.www.thebrownandwhite.com/media/storage/paper1233/news/2010/02/19/Opinion/Letter.Respect.To.Our.Dining.Services-3874476.shtml?refsource=collegeheadlines>.

Finally, I am deeply disturbed by the author's admission that "students of the collective action have stood by and watched as fellow students ridiculed workers behind their backs, devalued the workers' dedication to the College community, and created a climate of hierar-

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Defend her to the end, at all costs



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Feb. 18, was a chilling day in American history. This was the day that Joe Stack flew his plane into a building that housed an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) office. Stack's sinister attack has raised concerns about terrorism, air security, and a growing threat posed by anti-government and anti-tax groups. These are all valid points to consider, but another equally important one to examine seems to have been overlooked

by the American people, the media, and the government. The point is that there is a major difference between true anti-government, anti-American sentiments, and the harmless voices of opposition of American citizens.

It is well known, thanks to the letter he left behind, that Joe Stack had sincere anti-American, anti-government feelings. His opinions went way past civil disagreement and reached a threatening level that is not normal. America will certainly be in jeopardy if this is how a majority of Americans feel towards their country.

It is safe to say that flag burning and insulting the United States of America fall into the same category as Stack's attack. These, along with acts of domestic terrorism, are not acceptable. Acts of hatred and aggression are not civil ways to express discontent. To put it simply, those who hold such a grudge against America are more than welcome to leave and never return.

What it all boils down to is support for your country, no matter who is in charge or what mistakes your countrymen have made. We have the absolute right to oppose our elected officials and criticize their decisions. We have the right to vote them out of office or even challenge them ourselves in an election. We have the right to information, and the media

has the right to be free of coercion. And under our system of government, laws and policies can be changed and improved.

With all of the rights granted to us under the Constitution, how can anyone justify killing or destroying as a reasonable method of expressing your opinion of the United States and its government? Joe Stack's daughter was seriously misguided when she praised her father's actions and described his plot as an act against "injustice." It is one thing to be annoyed with the IRS and have to fork over a bag full of cash to the government, but ramming a plane into a building is a completely different ball game.

As American citizens, we should always support the institutions of government and the principles that guide our country regardless of partisanship and political party bickering. This critical idea goes beyond the example of Joe Stack. This goes for the President in office, the party in control of Congress, and the policies of the United States. Again, providing support for our leaders and our country does not mean we should refrain from criticizing

the direction in which the United States is going.

Those who called former President Bush names and hoped for his demise were in the wrong, and those who are looking forward to President Obama's defeat should be ashamed of themselves. If the Democrats or the Republicans control Congress, then they should have the support and good wishes of the American people even if they disagree with the legislation enacted. The ultimate goal we should all strive for is the well being and success of the United States and of the American people.

Speaking from a Republican's point of view, President Obama and the Democratic majority in Congress have my complete, unwavering backing. Even though I disagree with many of the steps the President and the Congress have taken in both domestic and foreign policy, he is my President and they are my members of Congress.

I support our way of life and the institutions that govern this great country and the day when all Americans come to this same conclusion we will be in good shape.

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Greek life

BY IAN LEVINE
OP/ED WRITER

We all have our biases; I will be the first to admit it. I judge people by what they wear, how they walk, and how they talk. But I will also be the first to admit that

I have been proven wrong and I am happy when I get proven wrong as it hopefully changes what I think about that person or a particular group of people. That being said, I will tackle the third rail of our society: the biases that everyone has - the biases against Greek Life. People see Greeks as anti-social, disrespectful drunkards and druggies. The truth though, is that Greeks are not those things. Sure there are a few bad apples that do fit into this criteria, but that is true for every organization on this campus and in our society as a whole.

The truth is that Greeks do a lot more for our campus and community than most people realize. Greeks serve in the Student Government Association, holding executive board positions including the presidency. Greeks also serve on the executive boards of some of the largest organizations on campus. Greeks are work study students without which the school would not be able to operate as it does.

From admissions to the bookstore, from the library to the mail room, and in so many other departments, Greeks make the lives of the faculty and students easier.

From admissions to the bookstore, from the library to the mail room...Greeks make the lives of the faculty and students easier.

Greeks serve on the campus EMS organization, responding to your calls at all hours of the night and when you need them most. Greeks are on the committees that organize Relay for Life, serve as student advisors and wake up early before they are even required to be at school to help freshman move in.

The College prides itself on helping the community, and here the Greeks have no lack of involvement either. Every semester each Greek organization must do at least one service project as a chapter. These service projects involve helping at camps for disabled children, raising

money for multiple sclerosis and cancer research, or for a regional trauma center. Greeks participate in 5k runs and organize blood drives to save lives of strangers. Greeks take time out of their busy schedules to volunteer at Casa, 6th Street Shelter, and community bike works. Greeks log hundreds of community service hours.

Please don't judge Greeks by our few bad apples, or by what you see on TV shows, like *Greek*, and movies, like *Animal House* and *Old Skool*. We are simply part of these organizations to try to be more actively involved on campus and for the opportunity to get to know more individuals. We do all we can to make the College and Allentown a better place for everyone.

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chy and insolence." Ridicule and rudeness have no place on our campus, and it is the responsibility of each of us to confront such behavior when we encounter it. I encourage all members of the campus community to review the College's statement of fundamental institutional values at: <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/committees/strategicplanning/Planning%20Documents.pdf> and to demonstrate courtesy and respect to all members of our community.

Cordially,
Randy Helm
College President

Women's hockey

BY WAYNE MITCHEL
OP/ED WRITER

Let me first state that I am all for women's sports. I believe that they deserve every opportunity that men's sports receive. However, there comes a time when you

have to look at the lack of competition in that was displayed in women's hockey during the Winter Olympics and make an educated decision. One only has to look at the disparity in the scores to get an idea of the type of domination put forth by the American and Canadian teams.

For example, Canada completed a humiliating defeat of Slovakia 18-0, and the US obliterated the Russian Federation 13-0. Canada and America steam-rolled every competitor they faced on the way to the final medal round.

From the evidence put forth, it seems clear that the rest of the world is unable to compete every four years with the American and Canadian Olympic women's hockey teams.

As a result, scores have been run up, and countries have been embarrassed by their team's performances. In addition, sportsmanship has been sacrificed. However, if America and Canada have the ability to score 18 goals and prevent other countries from scoring one, they should put their skills on display in the national spotlight. How is a team that is trained to score supposed to turn on and turn off that ability? I do believe that if these other countries continue to be blown out, then the Olympic sport should be banned, at least until the competition improves.

But, there is an argument that counters the belief that the sport should be banned. Firstly, if they were to eradicate the sport, the Olympics could be accused of discrimination. Since men have hockey, women should also. What about the women who play hockey in obscurity their entire lives? This is their sole chance to receive international recognition. They should not be denied the opportunity to display their skills in front of the entire world, at least once every four years. Furthermore, many of these women do not care about winning and losing; they just want to represent their country on the world stage. Few women, or men, ever have the opportunity to accomplish this feat. Finally, what about the American and Canadian women who work so hard to become the best in the world? Should they not be given the chance to demonstrate their superiority in front of the entire world at the Winter Olympics?

The Olympic committee should address these questions before the 2014 Olympics if they want to avoid further embarrassment for the competitors.

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The PATRIOT Act: "doublethink"



View from the Left

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Op/Ed COLUMNIST

It was a bright cold day in February, and clocks were striking thirteen. President Obama, his chin nuzzled into his breast in an effort to escape the vile wind, slipped quickly through the glass doors of the White House, though not quickly enough to prevent a swirl of nationalists from entering along with him.

Last Sat., President Obama signed a one-year extension of several provisions in the nation's main counterterrorism law, the "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorist" (USA PATRIOT) Act. President Obama's signature came after the House voted 315 to 97 last week to extend the measure. The Senate also supported the measure by passing it through without any changes from the original wording, enacted by the Bush administration in

2001.

The Act increases the ability of law enforcement agencies to survey any person's telephone and e-mail communications, medical, financial, and other records. Furthermore, it opens up a broader interpretation as to what exactly constitutes as "terrorism" including domestic terrorism.

This Act sounds eerily similar to the four ministries in Orwell's "1984," which all take on anonymous "doublethink" names in order to deceive the common citizen from understanding the respective ministries true functions. As it goes, the Ministry of Peace concerns itself with war, the Ministry of Truth with lies, and the USA PATRIOT Act with stopping true dissenting patriots from speaking their mind.

Fortunately, 234 cities, towns, and counties have passed resolutions that denounce the USA PATRIOT Act and prohibit local authorities from using the powers given to them in these 342 pages of Orwellian secrecy. These cities, towns, and counties represent nearly 34 million Americans, over 10% of the US population.

During his campaign in 2008, then-Senator Obama promised to repeal the USA PATRIOT Act, using his background as a constitutional law professor to recognize the Acts clear violation of the First and Fifth Amendments to the Constitution. He was not the only one; The Center for Constitutional Rights declared the Act to be unconstitutional because the section banning provisions of "expert advice and assistance" to the terrorist groups is so vague that it "could be construed to include unequivocally pure speech and advocacy protected by

the First Amendment."

The section banning the material and vocal support of terrorism is nothing but a totalitarian rape of civil liberties. First off, the government should not be in charge of setting morals for citizens, telling them which groups are to be identified as "terrorist." For instance, if the USA PATRIOT Act had been enacting during the Apartheid, we would not have been able to support the African National Congress because the ANC would have been classed as a terrorist organization. Second, these laws are quelling our abilities to reach out to the "terrorist" groups, who clearly have a problem that they wish to address. Humanitarian social workers cannot legally train Hamas

members how to care for civilian children orphaned by the Israeli occupation of West Bank and law professors can't teach the Provision Irish Republican Army about international laws. Luckily, the majority of the laws controlling our provisions of expert advice and assistance to "terrorist" groups were struck down in the Federal Court; though some of these laws were removed, hundreds still exist like this in the massive USA PATRIOT Act.

Do you own the book titled "The Anarchist's Cookbook"? I hope not, because if so, Big Brother is most likely watching. The same goes for hundreds of other banned books and materials. Section 215 allows the FBI to apply an order to produce materials that assist in an investigation undertaken to protect against international terrorism or clan-

destine intelligence activities. Amongst the "tangible things" that could be targeted are "books, records, papers, documents, and other items."

Although US citizens lose their constitutional rights under the USA PATRIOT Act, immigrants possibly receive the worst treatment. The Act allows for indefinite detention of any immigrant to the US whom the Attorney General believes may cause a terrorist act. This "belief" can be based on classified evidence, which means that we will never

know why these people are detained, squelching any possibility for advocating for their rights. By failing to meet even basic constitutional standards of due process and fairness, the Act gives

an unprecedented power to the state in the determination of immigrants' fates, which can easily be abused.

The USA PATRIOT Act has done nothing but produce a nation that the Act is trying to dismantle; the Act has given our government the rights of other totalitarian governments such as the Taliban and Ahmadinejad's Iran. Which nationalist measure is going to follow this Act? In the fashion of Freedom Fries, nationalism manifests itself in egalitarian propaganda, equating US' interests with that which we think the world desires. In reality, nationalism has brought the US further from justice, freedom, and equality. The USA PATRIOT Act needs to be repealed. Long term, stable prosperity cannot be obtained through nationalism; only through social justice and liberty can the US insure its success.

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& More!
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Vietnamese Chef, Restaurateur
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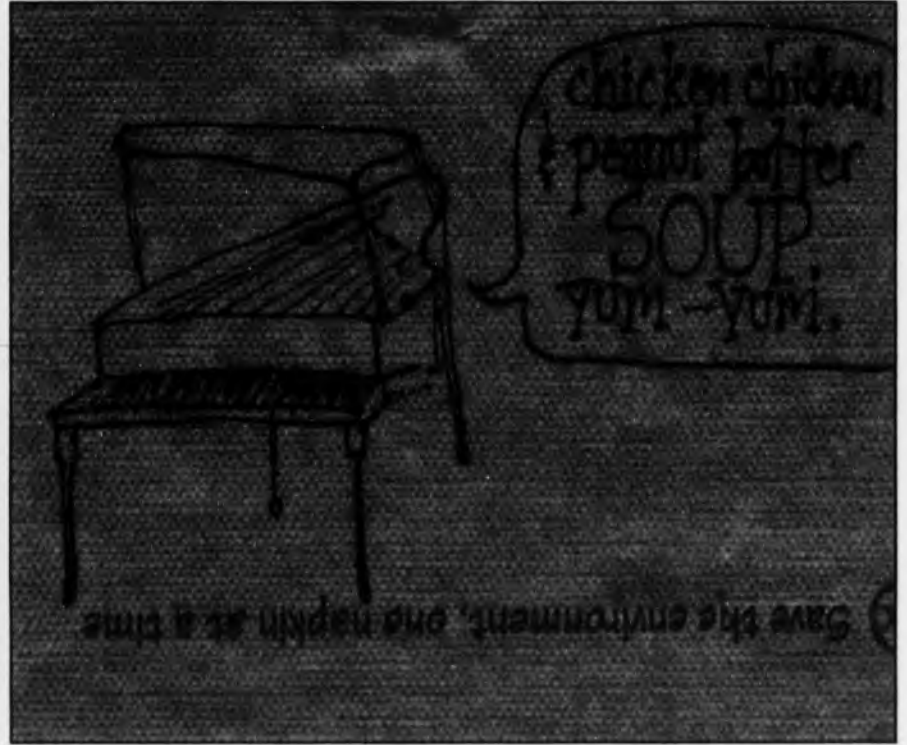
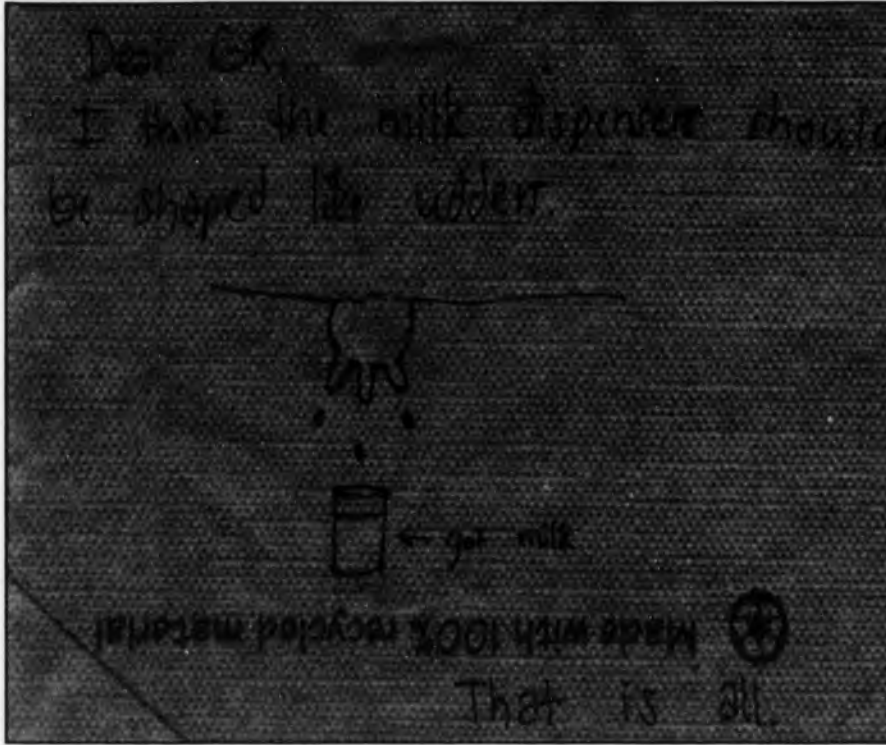


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The.... monologues

BY ANDREA WEIDKNECHT
NEWS WRITER

Most people immediately avert their eyes when they see the posters. One mother of a prospective student muttered, "Well, it is college." Provocative? That is the purpose—to open up communication between men and women and raise awareness for those women who are not heard. I am referring, of course, to The Vagina Monologues.

Each year, ninety percent of the proceeds of the V-Day Campaign benefit a charity of the participant's choice, with the other ten percent going to the campaign as a whole. This year's focus is on ending sex slavery in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Last year, College's campaign, organized by Nelle Ed, brought in \$2,281.53. As her charity of choice, she decided to continue with Turning Point, a non-profit organization for victims of domestic violence in the Allentown area: "It is a safe haven for women... not purely a shelter. It promotes activism and proactive behavior."

The College's V-Day Campaign raises money through the selling of Pussy Pops, a candy shaped like it sounds, T-shirts advertising V-Day, and buttons with witty, yet moving phrases and statistics. Last year, three sold-out shows of The Vagina Monologues were performed in the Red Door for male and female audiences alike. Although uncomfortable in places, the hilarity and poignancy of this show left no question as to the importance of putting it out there and demanding to know why our liberal culture still stigmatizes the female body and its functions.

"Women, even in today's 'empowered' society, live in a bubble of silence in many locations. Our bodies and our body's issues are still taboo and that's weird to me. That's why I initially got involved," revealed Nelle Ed.

Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues and creator of the V-Day Campaign, has set out to end both physical and emotional violence towards women. Throughout the world, she has brought awareness and aid, travelling to such countries as Jordan, Palestine, Tunisia, and Sudan.

Awareness can start here at the College. This year, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Phi Omega will co-host the campaign. With two fraternities organizing it, the aim is to involve more males on campus than ever before. Throughout the week of Mar. 15-21, events will take place in order to engage and educate the College community.

During the week, Eve Ensler's Emmy award-winning documentary "Until the Violence Stops" will be shown, with a talkback by Dr. Kate Richmond of the Psychology Department. In addition, there will be a self-defense course for women, and for men if interested.

New this year is a workshop for men that will teach them how to avoid violence towards women. This is useful knowledge for any brother, boyfriend, or future father. A concert of local College talent will take place on that Thursday to kick off the performances. On Friday, a new program will be added to the repertoire. "A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer" will debut, bringing both men and women to the stage.

The Vagina Monologues will close out the week on Saturday and Sunday. Laura Prigoff '10, the director, is in her third year with the campaign. "I just love the show," she said. "And I really love the mission. It's my favorite thing I've done at college."

To learn more about the V-Day Campaign, visit vday.org. Be sure to come out and support this worthy cause because "feminism, whatever that term means for you, is not a finished battle," Nelle Ed stated. "Just like racism is still around, these are both issues that need proactive behavior to ensure that change and development is continued."

Weekend Weather

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



Cloudy

High: 43
Low: 26

Sunny

High: 45
Low: 30

Cloudy

High: 47
Low: 35

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 22 – Found Property – In the East Hall Quad, there was a report of a found basketball. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 22 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of found hockey equipment. The item was brought to Campus Safety and was later picked up by the owner.

Feb. 22 – Injured Employee – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured visitor. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded and transported the person to the hospital.

Feb. 23 – Injured Visitor – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of an injured visitor. An officer transported the person to the hospital.

Feb. 23 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, field house, there was a report of a found key. The item was placed in the lost and found locker until it could be turned in to Residential Services.

Feb. 23 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick student. Muhlenberg EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 23 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident with a Muhlenberg College vehicle. Allentown Police Department took a report.

Feb. 23 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau (Hillside House),

there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival it was noted that a cover was accidentally knocked off of the pull station while moving furniture. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 24 – Smoke/Burning Odor – In Walz Hall, there was a report from the first floor that it was smoky in the basement. An officer stated that the cause was that the lint traps from the dryers were full.

Feb. 24 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Feb. 25 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found wallet. The owner was notified and later claimed the wallet.

Feb. 25 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of a found bracelet. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 25 – Harassment by Communication – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of harassment by communication. Information Technology was informed. The suspect, who is a non-student, was spoken to. There was no further incident.

Feb. 25 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment between students and a current non-student. Letters of no contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 25 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of found green vegetable matter in a baggie. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Feb. 25 – Sick Student – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student refused further medical treatment.

Feb. 26 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of vandalism to a window. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified to repair the damage.

Feb. 26 – Found Property – On Albright St., there was a report of a found wallet. Messages were left for the owner to pick up the wallet. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Feb. 26 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At Phi Kappa Tau (Hillside House), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from a pull station being hit with a ball. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 26 – Noise Complaint (City Ordinance) – On Liberty St., there was a report of a noise complaint from a non-College owned property. Allentown Police Department responded. The students were notified and a Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 27 – Disorderly Conduct – In Seegers Union, there was a report of a disorderly

person. Allentown Police Department responded. Upon arrival the suspect fled the area. An officer attempted to contact the individual, as messages were left. The investigation will continue. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 27 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of lost keys.

Feb. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt popcorn. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 27 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Feb. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. A purse strap got caught on the pull station. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 28 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Feb. 28 – Trespassing – In Robertson Hall, second floor, there was a report of trespassers. A locksmith was called to change the locks. Residential Services was notified.

Feb. 28 – Found Property – At the 23rd and Gordon St. parking lot, there was a report of a found cell phone. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

Senators Specter and Casey urge President Obama to investigate allegations against China

By SHANNON TOMLINSON
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From Washington D.C., a bipartisan assembly of senators, including Senators Arlen Specter (D-PA) and Bob Casey (D-PA), urged the Obama administration to investigate allegations that China's currency manipulation is damaging the US paper industry. The case could open the door to a crackdown on currency manipulation. In a letter to Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, fifteen senators pushed for the Commerce Department to finally move forward on the subsidy investigation. Multiple U.S. industries have suspected that China's currency manipulation has an unfair subsidy that is causing the companies economic harm. This case regarding the paper industry is currently sitting before the Commerce Department. It could be the first step in a much wider action against China. The question is: should the Commerce Department decide to investigate the China currency manipulation?

The letter sent to the Department of Commerce, fronted by Senators Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC), strongly encouraged Commerce Secretary Gary Locke to launch an investigation into the allegations that China's actions constitute a counter-available subsidy. The letter has also been signed by Robert Byrd (D-WV), Carl Levin (D-MI), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Russ Feingold (D-WI), Olympia Snowe (R-ME), Susan Collins (R-ME), Sam Brownback (R-KS), Jim Bunning (R-KY), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Sherrod Brown (D-OH). "There can be no doubt that China's

policy of large-scale intervention in the exchange markets and the significant undervaluation of its currency acts as a subsidy to Chinese exports to the United States. We respectfully urge the Department to properly assess the most recent allegation that China's manipulation of its currency is a counter-available subsidy," the Senators wrote.

The Commerce Department's duties include investigating particular unfair trade practices, including foreign government subsidization of products exported to the United States. If the Department of Commerce concludes that imported products are subsidized, and if the International Trade Commission finds that the US industry making the product is economically harmed by the subsidized imports, the Department of Commerce will order the imposition of additional duties on those imports. Subsidization is considered to be an unfair trade practice under World Trade Organization rules because it distorts trade, allowing foreign manufacturers to sell products in the US market at artificially low, subsidized prices, thus undercutting and causing economic harm to domestic manufacturers.

The letter refers to a continuous Commerce Department investigation involving subsidized exports of Chinese paper products and the effect such subsidies, including China's currency manipulation, are having on the US domestic paper industry. Focusing on the paper case, the letter details this particular issue because experts believe that the domestic industry in that case has offered adequate evidence such that the Commerce Department is required by law to investigate whether

China's currency manipulation is a counter-available subsidy. If Commerce agrees to investigate the Chinese government's actions on currency in this particular case, the results of that investigation could then be cited in other cases alleging that currency manipulation is a subsidy.

This could eventually lead to a situation where duties are put on a wide range of Chinese products and ultimately cause the Chinese government to reform its currency practices. The Commerce Department has investigated or is investigating subsidy allegations involving China in about a dozen cases involving products ranging from steel pipe and wire to various chemicals. China's practice of devaluing its currency has long been a sticking point in relations between the two countries. For over ten years, China has been making promises that it would change its currency policy, yet again and again China has altered its currency to give its manufacturers an unfair advantage over other manufacturers throughout the world, especially in the United States. About mid-July 2008, China gave up any pretense of letting its currency appreciate. Following a couple of years of modest progress, China's government repeated the action of fixing the value of its currency, the yuan, against the dollar and stepped away from its commitments to reform its currency policies. An undervaluation of China's currency is the result, some estimate by up to 40 percent, and grim economic harm to U.S. manufacturers forced to compete against subsidized Chinese imports.

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VA campaign targets student veterans and schools

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced a two-month, nationwide advertising campaign to assist student veterans and service members applying for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. "VA, student veterans, and our schools have made significant progress in implementing the GI Bill this spring, but we still have more to do," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "We won't rest until all student veterans have received the education benefit they earned in defense of our Nation."

Since inception of this historic new program, VA has issued nearly \$1.9 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments and opened the door to higher education to 209,490 people. As of Feb. 12, VA has received spring semester Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollments from approximately 180,000 student veterans and already paid nearly 90 percent of students. All Post-9/11 GI Bill participants whose spring enrollments were received by Jan. 18 have been paid.

The GI Bill Advertising campaign includes half-page ads in top college publications, online and social media, print, radio, and outdoor advertising such as posters and flyers. Public service announcements are being delivered to approximately 150 college radio stations and 750 local stations in areas where there is a high density of students, as well as military installations. Student veterans on college campuses will also see a variety of posters in registrars' offices, dormitories, cafeterias, student union buildings and other high traffic areas. "This comprehensive, nationwide advertising campaign will help us reach those student veterans, service members and educational administrators who need help in understanding the GI Bill and their role in the benefits process," said Keith Wilson, director of VA's educational service.

Social media and online advertising will be extensively used to reach the younger generation of student Veterans. The VA will place banner ads on social media sites such as Facebook, Google, MySpace, Yahoo, and other outlets. Text messaging ads will also link student Veterans to VA. Veterans will receive the basic message: "You Served. Get Benefits." Veterans will then be directed to follow three steps: "Review your benefit options online. Submit your application. And check with your school certifying official to confirm that your VA enrollment certification has been sent to VA."

The VA also developed a hip pocket guide and checklist with helpful tips to assist veterans and service members in the application process. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, passed by Congress last year, is the most extensive educational assistance program authorized since the original GI Bill was signed into law in 1944.

Sestak calls on Senate to include Medicaid extension

BY DAVID SCHUTZBANK
NEWS WRITER

Pennsylvania U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) called on Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) today to help Pennsylvania avoid harmful budget cuts and manage their rising health care costs by putting an extension of Medicaid assistance in the Senate jobs bill, warning that states may be forced to cut essential services without it.

In a letter to Reid, Sestak asked that Senate Democrats include a six-month extension of the increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) into the Senate bill as the House did with H.R. 2847, the Jobs for Main Street Act. The provision increases the percentage of Medicaid costs paid by the federal government. Without the provision, Sestak warned, states like Pennsylvania that have had their benefit programs strained by the recession may be forced to cut those essential services. In addition, Mark Zandi, Chief Economist of Moody's Economy.com, has warned that these cuts "will be a serious drag on the economy at just the wrong time."

"Conversely, by extending these programs, we can maintain the economic recovery," wrote Sestak in his letter. "The CBO has estimated that every dollar the federal government spends on assistance to states translates into a \$1.41 increase in GDP. With states set to terminate as many as 900,000 jobs in the coming fiscal year, this investment would help maintain job growth."

"Last year's stimulus bill went a long way toward helping the country recover from the recession, and while the economy is on the mend, we must continue to provide assistance to states helping their hardest hit citizens," said Sestak.

Sestak urges the Senate to include the extension into its jobs bill while it continues to work toward passage of comprehensive health care reform that ensures everyone has access to affordable health care, noting that 46 million Americans are currently without insurance, and 14,000 more lose coverage everyday. "Health care reform is not just a moral imperative, it is an economic necessity," Sestak said. "If we do not act, health care costs will consume one-third of economic output by 2040. The status quo is simply not an option."

Sestak said the continued delay of health care reform is just one example of urgent bills that have been needlessly delayed in the Senate. With climate change legislation and the confirmations of dozens of nominees for federal positions continuing to languish in partisan gridlock, Sestak said now is the time for new leadership in the Senate.

"People here know that Washington 'politics as usual' hasn't worked for Pennsylvania," Sestak said. "They know it's time for a new generation of leadership."

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partment.

In it Senators Schumer and Graham urged the Commerce Department to investigate fully the allegations that China's currency manipulation is a counter-available subsidy.

In Dec., the Commerce Department responded to Schumer and Graham's letter, assuring the Senators that subsidy allegations involving China's currency practices would be evaluated "no differently than any other subsidy allegation." The absence of action on this issue by the Commerce Department indicates otherwise.

The Department of Commerce has yet to investigate at least twelve allegations that the Chinese government is actively involved in keeping the value of its currency artificially low to promote the growth of export-orient-

2009, a letter was sent to the Commerce De-

ed industries. Senators Schumer and Graham said that starting an investigation in the paper case has the potential to opening up the problem, and lead to far-reaching penalties against China for currency manipulation.

"The bedrock of our economic system is fairness and China's currency practices violate that principle in every single way."

Senator Charles E. Schumer said, "The bedrock of our economic system is fairness and China's currency practices violate that principle in every single way. Workers across the country are losing their jobs because of what China's doing, and it is past time that the Commerce Department properly consider domestic industries' repeated allegations and launch an investigation. The Commerce Department has yet to

take this issue seriously and we must keep pressing the agency until it does the right thing and declares that China is manipulating its currency to put US manufacturers at a disadvantage."

Senator Lindsey Graham said, "I am con-

vinced that the Chinese government manipulates its currency in a manner that creates an unfair advantage for Chinese companies competing with the United States and the rest of the world. Because the yuan is artificially devalued by 15-40 percent below its true market value, American companies are losing market share for an unacceptable reason."

Senator Arlen Specter said, "We have lost 2.3 million jobs from 2001 and 2007 as a result of the trade imbalance with China, due in no small part to the fact that China continues to manipulate its currency. The Commerce Department has an obligation to investigate allegations of currency manipulation so we can stop this form of international banditry and help our domestic manufacturers."

Senator Bob Casey said, "Part of our short- and long-term job growth strategy has to be creating a level playing field for American workers and American companies. The Commerce Department has an obligation to target China's unfair advantage that is costing Pennsylvania jobs and increasing our trade deficit."

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More photos from the Haiti Carnival!



This Week in History:

1493 – Explorer Christopher Columbus arrives back in Lisbon, Portugal, aboard his ship Niña from his voyage to what is now The Bahamas and other islands in the Caribbean.

1681 – Charles II of England grants a land charter to William Penn for the area that will later become Pennsylvania.

1789 – In New York City, the first United States Congress meets, putting the Constitution of the United States into effect.

1817 – The New York Stock Exchange is founded.

1902 – In Chicago, the American Automobile Association is established.

1933 – Great Depression: President Franklin D. Roosevelt submits the Emergency

Banking Act to the Congress, the first of his New Deal policies.

1933 – Great Depression: Franklin D. Roosevelt addresses the nation for the first time as President of the United States. This was also the first of his famed "fireside chats".

1981 – After 19 years of presenting the *CBS Evening News*, Walter Cronkite signs off for the last time.

1983 – President Ronald Reagan calls the Soviet Union an "evil empire."

1994 – The Church of England ordains its first female priests.

2007 – Former White House aide I. Lewis Libby, Jr. is found guilty on four of five counts of perjury and obstruction of justice.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life well spent is long."

- Leonardo da Vinci

Civic Theatre hosts art exhibit by young Allentown students

BY MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

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23, the Civic Theatre of Allentown hosted a reception for students and teachers who are associated with the Allentown School District's Young Artist Exhibition, which is currently at Civic's Theatre514.

For more than 80 years, the Civic Theatre of Allentown has been a non-for-profit community arts center which provides Lehigh Valley audiences with superior yet affordable theatrical performances along with providing technical and creative opportunities for local artists. It also has the region's only full-time art cinema which screens foreign, independent, and documentary films.

This exhibit was made possible by the Challenged 150 grant awarded to the Civic Theatre of Allentown by the Allentown Rescue Mission. The grant was given so that the theatre would be able to pay for paint, painting supplies, and picture-hanging rails, allowing for the renovation of their lobby. This enabled the location to be used as a gallery space to exhibit local and young artists from Allentown.



ASD student Eric Valenzuela with his artwork and teacher Cindy Gunn.

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ASD art teachers Jen Miller, Cindy Gunn, and Susan Ford.

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Allentown School District (ASD) art teachers were grateful for the newly-upgraded space and found it a wonderful place to hold a mini-art exhibit which showcased the art of the elementary school students. Since they installed their exhibit in the lobby on Feb. 12, approximately 750 people have viewed it, most of whom are patrons of Civic Films or 514Works projects.

Those in attendance at the reception included Allentown Rescue Mission Executive Director Gary Millspaugh, Civic Managing Director Arlene Daily, Civic Board of Directors President Sharon Glassman of the College's Education Department, and Allentown School District Arts Curriculum

Coordinator Renee Lorenzetti, along with Allentown School District art teachers Jen Miller, Cindy Gunn, Susan Ford, Kim Burke, Jonathan Narmita, Trisha Samuel and Donna Puchyr. Allentown School District students and exhibit artists in attendance were Michael Rodriguez and Eric Valenzuela.

Muhlenberg graduate producing dance concert in Philadelphia

BY MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

Muhlenberg
graduate
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Warchal-King, now finishing her Master's Degree in Performance and Choreography at Temple University, is producing a thesis concert as part of the MFA Thesis Concert which questions the role and lack of morality and ethics in our society through modern dance.

Warchal-King graduated from the College with a magna cum laude and will receive her MFA in Dance from Temple University in May. She is a member of the Nora Gibson Performance Project, is an apprentice with Kun-Yang Lin/Dancers, and has both performed and presented choreography throughout the mid-Atlantic region. She has also performed nationally and regionally for recognized independent choreographers, such as Lisa Kraus, Tiffany Mills, Deana DeHart, Pat Catterson, Danny Buraczewski, Jacques d'Amboise, and Nicholas Leichter. Warchal-King is also a major advocate of dance through education and is the co-founder of the *InHale Performance Series*, a community initiative which presents the work of emerging and established artists in the Philadelphia area, at the Chi Movement Arts Center.

Warchal-King's thesis concert, *microcosmic current*, is a physical examination of the experiences felt due to emotional violence, such as a pounding chest, butterflies, and shortness of breath. Grounded in research of the connection between the mind and the body and described by Christopher Atamain of the *Village Voice* as "clever, precisely choreographed," the performance expresses what happens to the body when the mind experiences chaos and endeavors to answer the question of whether or not it is possible to disintegrate the mind from the body and the experiences from the individual. She also explores the sacredness of the human form and how experiences can develop empathy and compassion where words alone fail. Through eight women



Emerging choreographers Angela Sigley, Jessica Warchal-King, and Laura Zimmerman.

PHOTO BY THOMAS BETHELL

who share an environment where their bodies intertwine and morph on the stage by circulating, pulsing, whispering, and surging, Warchal-King delves into the depth of a person's isolation within a society that is obsessed with social connection.

Assisting Warchal-King with her performance are musician-composer Christopher Farrell, founder of the World/Jazz ensemble the *RitMo Collective* and lighting designer Jimena Alviar, along with dancers Cassandra Cotta, Dominique Dalia, Sarah Masluk, Camille Moten, Caitlin Quinn, Megan Quinn, and Angela Sigley.

The MFA Thesis Concert also includes two other dance works, *The Rented World* produced by Angela Sigley, who is a Lehigh Valley native and graduate from

DeSales University and *Dis/connect* by Laura Zimmerman, who is originally from Stevens Point, Wisconsin and is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin. Both will receive their Master's Degrees from Temple along with Warchal-King. All three dance pieces can be seen at both performances.

The concert can be seen on Mar. 26 at 7:30 pm and Mar. 27 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm at the Conwell Dance Theater, Temple University which is located at the corner of North Broad Street and Montgomery in Philadelphia.

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 students and senior citizens, \$10 with Dance USA Philadelphia Dance Pass, \$5 students with OWLcard. Tickets are available online at www.liacourascenter.com, by phone at 800-298-4200, or can be purchased with cash-only at the Liacouras Center Box Office, 1776 North Broad Street, Mon.-Sat. 10 am-5 pm.

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Ask the Panda Girl: advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Hey Muhlenberg! Another week has gone by, and no Panda Girl letters? You all must be too busy with those midterms. Don't worry, the end is in sight; spring break is upon us at last!

Advice of the Week:

No big plans for the big week? No problem! Use spring break as a week not only to de-stress, but to perhaps address things you feel you do not have time to address in your hectic school schedule. Read that book you've been dying to read. Catch up with a friend you've lost touch with. If you are feeling really adventurous, look ahead on your syllabus and read assignments ahead of time to be better prepared for classes to resume. If you've felt overworked all semester, spring break is a good time to reorganize and regroup. Take a few days for yourself, catching up on sleep, and just plain doing nothing. Then, with

fresh eyes, tackle your school life. Maybe buy a new planner and organize it more cleanly. Look at syllabi and write down when big assignments are due, so you have a visual as the date approaches. Break down bigger projects into smaller chunks. You will thank yourself for doing these kinds of things in your free moments later in the semester when everything seems to pile on at once (which happens every semester without fail).

For those of you with big plans, I wish you the best of luck and the most enjoyable time possible. Remember to stay safe, though. Remember your Alcohol EDU training. Do not drink too much, stick with people you trust, and by all means have fun that you won't regret the next day. You don't want to return from spring break so exhausted that you need a second vacation!

I will have access to internet over break, so do not hesitate to send any problems or concerns that may happen during the week to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com.

Off Campus

"Glee" tour dates:

May 18: Dodge Theater, Phoenix

May 20-21: Gibson Ampitheatre, Los Angeles

May 25-26: Rosemont Theater, Chicago

May 28-29: Radio City Music Hall, New York City

Question of the week:

"What is the most exciting thing you are going to do over break?"



"I'm going to Cancun."
- Katie Rie, '12



"Working four games for the Washington Wizards."
- Lisa Youngentob, '12



"I'm going to New Orleans for an alternative spring break."
- Abra Evensky, '12



"I'm going to see my brother graduate from the Marine Academy."
- Kennetta Christian, '12



"I'm going to visit some friends at other colleges."
- Christine Marty, '12

Courtesy of Torie Puone

AMC Weekend Listings



Alice in Wonderland

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:00

Cop Out

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:20

The Crazies

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:15, 5:10, 8:00

Shutter Island

Fri. 3:15, 6:45, 9:40
Sat. 3:15, 6:45, 9:40
Sun. 11:30, 3:15, 6:45

Brooklyn's Finest

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:20

Valentine's Day

Fri. 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:40, 4:50, 7:40

The new Russian roulette

By KEVIN TOMSURA
LIFE WRITER

Back in the old days, when people weren't sissies, Russian Roulette used to be a down and dirty game of luck. Now, in this age of computers (and sissies), it's our virtual avatars that are taking the blow, more literally than one would expect. No longer are six cylinder revolvers needed to make light of the bleak Siberian wilderness, now all you need is a webcam, a mic, and an increasing lack of decency (if you want to keep up, that is).

What I am speaking of, of course, is none other than the best thing to come out of Russia since wheat: Chatroulette.

Chatroulette is the brainchild of 17-year-old Russian boy-wonder Andrey Ternovskiy, who originally designed the program for the KGB as a means to easily monitor the excess of perverted political dissidents. He submitted this to their highly-anticipated, annual country-wide high school Science Fair. Andrey's program quickly became a crossover hit; however, agents began to use the program in their personal lives as a means with which to meet strange and easily agitated shirtless men. Soon enough, to make a long story short, Chatroulette crossed the seven seas, travelling much like the Bubonic Plague: aboard the backs of pests that burrow their way into your homes and subconscious. Inevitably, with little resistance, Chatroulette has become a staple of dorm rooms everywhere. Once again, college students have triumphed greatly over the fleeting need to go outside and meet people, when random number generators do it so, so much better.

For those who don't know, or have not yet been violated by the mass appeals of Chatroulette, let me explain its underlying, and ultimately undeniable appeal. Chatroulette is much like many other programs out there, and, like these other programs, it relies on the concept that slightly blurry, pixilated versions of ourselves are so much more likely to get laid than our real, non-sampled selves. However, whereas many of these other programs constrain themselves to the archaic (or possibly legal-based) schema of having to "know" a person before you can rightfully show them your junk, Chatroulette frees us from such stifling limitations. Chatroulette is a specialized version of the typical video chat, in which people communicate via video, text and sometimes sound.

What makes Chatroulette so interesting; however, is that it does so with random pairing, meaning that rather than waste your time talking to people like friends or family, you can talk to someone random and naked instead. And so, with appropriate communistic intentions, this Cossack atop the silver steed of high-speed internet sent forth his creation with a simple motto, "The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private [parts]." The altruistic aims of our Soviet-styled hero have at last ended the pornography of class privilege. Finally,

we are all entitled to see our fair share of quivering members. And (essentially) ad-free, no less.

Except for a misplaced dating service at the bottom, Chatroulette allows our eyes to focus on what is important after all: the indefatigable phalluses of strangers. I say this dating service is misplaced because there is no shortage of action available to the slightly, or even absolutely, unwilling participant. Participants are bombarded with a bombastic ratio of penis to people. The average ratio hovers somewhere around 19 to 1, hovering right around the fear of what a 95% chance might beckon next. Nevertheless, it's that one in twenty chance that keeps us trudging through this veritable cornucopia of penis. Contained within this begrudgingly small percentage of (semi) decent people are those with the same perseverance as you yourself, and those with a similar appreciation to see your face. Unless you're a guy, in which case they'll probably flip you off and hit next. In the likelihood that you are a female in any loose definition of the word, much awaits you.

Be it banana-suited men, Swedish people, awkward encounters with people you already know, or just a picture of darkness and the lovely accompaniment of heavy breathing, Chatroulette offers a myriad of undesirable subjects to hold a conversation with. However, herein lies the appeal. Conversations within Chatroulette are utterly dispensable, and though your chatmate may have less than latent murderistic intentions, they can cause you no harm. People don't have profiles, use screennames or are in anyway obligated to reveal their actual identities. It is no wonder that Chatroulette has become a useful tool in being able to look up all registered sex offenders in your local area and being able to talk to them one by one, bartering for them to leave your precious Jimmy alone. Even so, things, as in all conversations, have the chance to become unbearably awkward. It is here where Chatroulette derives its most pertinent innovation. When things get out of hand (or when certain things get into hands), Chatroulette allots its users the divine ability of hitting next. Now the godly powers of MTV's so totally and completely unscripted show Next, are within the grasp of the proletariat.

Is the shirtless guy who is flipping you off not striking your fancy? Hit next! Does this guy's piece fall below the standards of a master-piece and you've seen it all before? Hit next! Is that guy not shirtless and not flipping you off? Hit next! Simply searching to lower the self-esteem of the person across from you, well then by all means, hit next! Chatroulette simply offers something for everyone.

Whether you're in it for getting some "exposure", or you enjoying agitating the easily aggravated (in which case asking "what are you wearing" to a person you can clearly see is an ironic shortcut to priceless belligerence), or quite possibly you just wanna meet some people, Chatroulette is 5% for you!

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Olympic Overview

How team U.S.A. reached the top

BY JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

Even though the US economy may be in a slump, the same could not be said for our country's performance in the 2010 Winter Olympics. For the first time since 1932, the U.S. Olympic team won the most medals, taking 37 from Vancouver. Not only did the team win more medals than any other country in this year's Olympics, but they also broke an Olympic record! The US topped the 36 medals that Germany won in 2002 in Salt Lake City by only one medal. The US came close in 2002 with 34 medals, which was more than enough to be proud of, but this year history was made!

These victories were largely due to the US Olympic team having so many strong and experienced Olympians who were capable of winning multiple medals. Perhaps the most noteworthy was short-track speedskater Apolo Ohno, who won three 2010 medals. Alpine Skier Bode Miller won three as well. Several others also won more than one medal.

However, according to an article on NBC.com called "US Reaches Winter Olympics Peak" there are other reasons why the U.S. may have been able to reach such high standing. One reason, they say, is because the United States Olympic Committee drastically increased their funding for the Olympic games. For this year's

games, they funded about \$55 million dollars. This is 50 percent over the fundings for Salt Lake City and Torino!

Another reason is homefield advantage, well kind of. Although the Olympics were not in the United States, the US Olympic team had training benefits left from the 2006 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. The US ski team kept left over ski jumps and venues to practice on and also had built its own facility for training for the Olympics and for other worldwide athletic events. Between four US alpine skiers, eight Olympic medals were won this year! Also, out of the 37 medals won, 21 of them were skiing and snowboarding medals.

Although we should be proud of these wins, there is still more to be done for the 2014 Olympic games. There were no medals won by Team US in cross-country skiing, biathlon, ski jumping, luge, skeleton, or curling.

It was also the first year since 1964 that there were no American medalists in the women's figure skating. In a sense this is good because it gives US athletes another thing to strive for. But all in all, I think it'll be more of a challenge to defend our records from this year!

USA! USA!

2010 Olympic Standings

	G	S	B	Total		G	S	B	Total
United States	9	15	13	37	China	5	2	4	11
Germany	10	13	7	30	France	2	3	6	11
Canada	14	7	5	26	Switzerland	6	0	3	9
Norway	9	8	6	23	Netherlands	4	1	3	8
Austria	4	6	6	16	Czech Republic	2	0	4	6
Russia	3	5	7	15	Poland	1	3	2	6
South Korea	6	6	2	14	Italy	1	1	3	5
Sweden	5	2	4	11	Japan	0	3	2	5

USA Brings Home the Silver Medal

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

Canada has bred NHL legends like Wayne Gretzky, Gordie Howe, Mario Lemieux, and Bobby Orr, but today names like Sydney Crosby and Martin Brodeur have become synonymous with the sport. When it comes to hockey, America is put on the backburner for Canada who revolutionized the sport making it their "national past time." However, as good as Canadian players are, it seemed to be America's time to steal the glory away from the land of Medicare and maple syrup. Canada won their last gold in men's ice hockey, one of the most coveted sports in the Olympics against the United States during the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah by a score of five to two. America's dreams to restore the gold from the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" appeared as if it would come true bringing to Canada experienced veterans as well as many young men looking to leave their mark on the hockey world. The outstanding work in the crease by Ryan Miller and goal scoring from Zach Parise and Brian Rafalski helped land Team USA a spot in the gold medal hockey game. In the preliminary round, the Americans embarrassed the Canadians on their home ice with a convincing five to three victory, making them one of the favorites to win the tournament. After all the other matches were played, Canada and the United States faced off again Sun. Feb., 28. Sixty minutes would decide the fate between gold and silver.

The game began and just eight minutes into the action, Chicago Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews beat Ryan Miller to give Canada the early one to nothing lead. Defensive efforts on both sides of the ice kept the scoring to a minimum. During the period, America took eight shots on goal, and Canada shot the puck ten times. The second period started out much like the first one; both teams exchanged shot after shot, and just seven minutes into the game Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Corey Perry shot a puck that went by Miller. However, the United States would respond and just five minutes later at the twelve minute mark, Ryan Kessler, ironically a Vancouver Cannuck, was able to break the Canadian shutout. The second period turned out to be the most explosive thus far with both teams taking fifteen shots on goal. Finally it was time for the all decisive third period, the final twenty minutes of regulation time. The teams traded possessions back and for almost the entire game, neither team playing impressive enough to score another goal. With time running out Team USA had to make one final push, they would not go home with a loss. One goal would send the game into overtime. With just twenty five seconds to go the puck was dumped into the front of the net where Canadian goaltender Roberto Luongo carelessly tried to knock the puck away instead of securing it and forcing a faceoff. Zach Parise of the New Jersey Devils grabbed the puck and maneuvered it right past Luongo for a goal. The game was going to

overtime!

With the Canadians feeling down on themselves as they entered the locker room, the men from America knew they had the advantage. They would not lose the gold without a fight. Shots from both teams were saved and neither team could score a goal. Until team Canada scored courtesy of Sidney Crosby. Jerome Iginla passed the puck as he was being pushed against the boards to Crosby who had the defense beat and took a powerful wrist shot right through the five hole of Ryan Miller. Miller was dumbfounded by the shot and appeared as if he was not expecting Crosby to shoot the puck, but rather deke and then shoot or pass it away. Instead Sidney Crosby's one timer was the deciding goal giving Canada their Olympic record fourteenth gold medal in the Vancouver games.

The players from Canada saved their country from embarrassment because there is nothing worse than losing to the Americans in hockey. However, team USA did not give up and graciously accepted their silver medals. With the Olympics complete, it is back to NHL hockey; nevertheless the goal by Sidney Crosby in the gold medal game will never be forgotten. Along with the silver medal, Ryan Miller was named tournament MVP, an honor that distinguished him as the best out of over four hundred competitors from twelve countries. America will be back with a vengeance in 2014 as the Winter Olympics will head to Sochi, Russia.

IM Sports season wrap up



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The Intramural Basketball season has finally come to a close. By the time you are reading this article the championships will have already been played but since we can not predict the future we are going to focus on what has already happened. The season came to a close with the top eight B league teams moving on to the playoffs and the top six A league teams moving on as well.

The A league's rankings were tight until the very end and the final rankings were not completely in tact until after the final game of the regular season. The B league also saw some last minute changes take place in their seeding when The Super Smash Bros suffered their first loss on the final night of the season dropping them down into second place rather than on top of the league. Both leagues will definitely have some intense playoff battles and I'm sure when the championships take place in Memorial Hall they will both be very memorable.

Now that the season is over it is time to give out the yearly awards. The first award is Referee of the Year and this honor goes to Junior Matt Cecconi. Cecconi officiated almost every big game of the year and no team ever had a complaint about his fairness and ability.

The second award is Rookie of the Year and the winner is Freshman Shane O'Connor. We predicted O'Connor to be the ROY during the preseason and he proved himself throughout the year by being a major part of the Bean Flicker's offense. When O'Connor got going he was difficult for any team to

stop this year.

The first team all-league is Senior Brian Ward, Juniors Matt Cecconi and Jon Liberty, and Sophomores Cody Antonini and Max Jablonski. All five of these players were major contributors to their team and all showed streaks of absolute dominance throughout the year. They are the main reasons for their teams being toward the top of the league. The second team all league is Seniors Dan Fisher and Craig Weinberg, Juniors Spencer Joseph and Mike Katz, and Sophomore Aaron Friedman. All five of these players deserve a ton of credit. Players like Fisher have proven their athletic dominance in more than IM sport this year and we look forward to more of the same in the future.

The final award of the year is the Most Valuable Player and it goes to Sophomore Cody Antonini. Antonini was by far the most dominating player in the league and at times he seemed nearly unstoppable. Every team had trouble just trying to slow him down and he is one of the major reasons why Kon Tiki has had so much success this year. Antonini was new to the team this year and when he joined forces with Cecconi they became a force to be reckoned with. Everyone is looking forward to seeing what Antonini can do in the playoffs and over the next few years.

The regular season was one for the ages and it seems to be the most even playing field in years. We can only hope the playoffs and future years go as well as this one has. The Intramural Committee would also like to let everyone know to keep a look out for Intramural Soccer Sign Ups after spring break.

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two points with a score of 18-16 but then McDaniel pulled away with a 12-2 run and the break the Mules were down 32-20.

The Mules came out strong in the second half and scored six points in transition almost immediately thanks to junior Kelly McKeon's half court passes to junior Alex Berlin twice in a row for uncontested lay-ups. McKeon continued to add to the momentum with a stolen in bounds pass for a bucket and a foul.

McKeon hit the free throw brining the Mules to within seven points of the Green Terror. Then again, déjà vu, McKeon threw another long pass to Berlin for the third uncontested lay-up in transition cutting the lead to five.

But the momentum slowed for the Mules who had trouble defending McDaniel's post play and could not get anymore stops on defense. But McKeon ignited an 8-0 run when she hit a jumper and scored her 1000th career point. The Mules tied the game at 48. But the Mules could no longer capitalize on their runs and McDaniel took the lead and the game on a 16-2 run during which the Mules were scoreless for over four minutes. The Mules lost the game and their three-peat 72-56.

Although the Mules lost the Championship and did not receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, they did receive an at large bid and will play against Tufts in the first round of the tournament.



Easter Break!!

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on April 1st at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

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- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with **written** permission from their coach

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Track and Field teams strike gold

BY GILBERT M. SCHPERO
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Last Saturday was a tremendous day for the College track and field teams, and especially the Faust family, at the Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Haverford College. Both Mule teams finished third, the best combined showing for the program in four years. The teams brought back a program-record nine gold medals and four school records. The Muhlenberg women swept the Most Outstanding Performer awards. The only time this had happened previously in program history was when the men did it at the 2003 outdoor meet, and no women's team had ever won both since the CC began giving separate awards in 2003.

Senior Jennifer Lynch earned top honors for track events. She earned gold medals in the mile and 3,000 meters and finished fourth in the 800. In the mile, Lynch beat out a Johns Hopkins runner who holds the CC record in the event and currently has the third-fastest mile in Division III this season. For the second time in her career, senior Alex Faust was named Most Outstanding Performer for field events. She became the third woman in CC history to win the same event (pole vault) four times, breaking her own meet record in the process. Faust also won the 200 and 400, setting school records in both, and anchored the 4x400 relay team that finished third.

On the relay, Faust took the baton from her younger sister, freshman Colette Faust, who won the high jump. Take away the two outstanding seniors, and most of the rest of the women's points came from freshmen and sophomores. The Mules scored 97 points, up from 74 last year, when they also finished third. The individuals may have been the story on the women's side, but for the men it was the relays. Muhlenberg failed to defend its 2009 gold medals in the 4x800 and distance medley relay, but instead won the other two relays, the 4x200 and 4x400.

The 4x200 quartet of sophomore Peter Rice, freshman Isaiah Vaughn and seniors Brendan Kirk and Jeremiah Lachaud broke a seven-year-old school record, finishing in 1:32.99. Rice and Kirk then joined with senior Bill Ryan and sophomore Chris Lysenko to win the final event of the meet, the 4x400. The Mules' other first-place finish came from sophomore Marc Brookland, who long jumped a personal-best 21-8½ on his final attempt to wrest the gold away from the two-time defending champion. Brookland also added a silver medal in the triple jump. Rice set a school record in the 200 while finishing second and took bronze in the 400. Lachaud notched a personal-best time in the 55 to place second, and Kirk earned a silver in the 55 high hurdles.

We are excited for March 5th competitions when the Mule track stars will once again head to Manhattan's NYC Armory to compete in the Columbia last chance Qualifier. Congratulations to the team and good luck to all competitors this coming weekend. Check out next week's issue to see how the Mules performed.



Above: Faust sisters compete in the 4x400 relay; Below: Gold medalists at the CC Championships

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the Dips was an 80-58 blowout, but the second game was hard fought, 63-69 loss, so they may have been underdogs, but they had a shot. The semifinals started with both team trading shots, and leads, for the first five-and-a-half minutes, and the Mules led 15-13, but this was their last lead of the day. The Diplomats led by as many as 20 in the first quarter, thanks to 55.6%

shooting from the field and 77.8% from behind the arc, and led 49-33 at the half.

In the second half, Franklin and Marshall answered any Muhlenberg attempt to get a run started, and outscored the Mules 48-39, making the final score 97-72. The Mules were averaging 66.6 points against this year, but there is no way to guard knockdown shooting.

Liddic did display offensive prowess,

scoring 28 points (tied for the 10th most ever in a Centennial Conference playoff game). The seniors also showed up: Foster had 13 points, Nwizugbo had 10, and Frankoski had 6 points, 3 assists, and 3 steals.

Unfortunately, this means the end to a great season, and four great Muhlenberg basketball careers. "The seniors will be dearly missed as they are a very talented class who have come a long way in their

careers," said Coach McClary. "They were a huge part of our success this year starting with our great trip to Ireland!"

They will be missed, but Coach McClary has to look to next season. "I think that in the next year we need to improve on every facet of the program," he said.

"We laid a good foundation for year one of the program and my hope is that much of it will carry over to year two."

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After first-round success, Men's Basketball's season ends in Semis

BY BENJAMIN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Two weeks ago, the Mules (13-14, 10-8) were sputtering, reeling, and stumbling after an overtime loss at Ursinus (15-7, 11-7). The loss capped off a 5-game losing streak and was a bleak end to the regular season. But, the Mules would get another shot at the Bears in the opening round of the Centennial Conference playoffs. It was certainly going to be an uphill battle for the Mules; no team has won three-straight road games to seize the Centennial Conference championship.

However, things hadn't been easy for the Bears either; they had lost four of their last six games, three of which were against playoff teams. Ursinus still had their explosive offense, however, which led the league with 73.4 points per game. The Mules hoped to counter with their defense and conference-leading rebounding.

Wednesday, the Mules walked into the Bears' gym with confidence. Characteristic of a playoff game, it started with each team trading shots. The Mules were able to pull away to a 17-10 lead, but the Bears scratched their way back to within 1 with a 6-0 run. Muhlenberg answered with Drain-O, three consecutive three-pointers from sophomore guard Justin Greenstone, junior guard Evan Tozer and senior guard/forward Ryan Foster (Australian for 3s), respectively.

On the ensuing possession, Greenstone swiped the ball and pushed it up court to senior forward Obi Nwizugbo who hit a jumper, putting the Mules up 28-18. Ursinus tried to climb back in with a three of their own, but Tozer quieted the crowd with a three-point dagger. Both teams then went shot-for-shot, ending the half with a score of 38-29.

At the beginning of the second half, Tozer hit another three – in the game, he went 5-7 from behind the arc. The Mules dominated the rest of the half, hitting 56% of their shots and out-rebounding the Bears 27-15. Tozer led the Mules with 17 points, Foster contributed with 16 points and 4 assists, senior guard Brian Frankoski had 14 points and Greenstone had 13 points, 4 assists and 2 steals. Freshman guard Rob Berish provided life off the bench with 6 points, going 2-2 from the field and the charity stripe, grabbing 2 boards, blocking 1, and stealing 1.

But, it was sophomore guard Spencer Liddic's day, posting another double-double. He was also a unanimous selection to the All-Centennial Conference first team. Liddic is the first Muhlenberg sophomore to make the first team since

current Assistant Coach Mark Lesko did in 2001. "Liddic's honors were well deserved," said head coach Scott McClary. "He had a great year and will be a huge rock for us to build upon over the next two years." Foster (which is Australian for underrated) received honorable mention for the second straight year.

Going into Saturday's game, Franklin and Marshall were the heavy favorite. They had had great success in the past, going to the final four last year and already had four Centennial Conference championships under their belt.

This season, they had a point differential of +13 in conference, compared to the Mules' +1, and had an impenetrable defense, with the best scoring defense (54.4 points per game), most blocked shots per game (5.94) and second-most steals per game (9.67). The only thing the Diplomats couldn't do was hit from behind the three-point arc.

"We had a great mindset going into the game with Franklin and Marshall," said Coach McClary. "We played them very tough at their place just two weeks before, we were coming off our best win of the season at Ursinus in the first round and we had been practicing well. Franklin and Marshall was the worst 3 point shooting team in the league and one of the worst in the country. We wanted to take away their inside game and make them beat us from the 3. They shot 78%! Not much we could do."

The first game
this season against

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Senior Ryan Foster finished his last season, just shy of 1,000 points.

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Despite Championship loss, Women's Basketball has bid in NCAA Tournament

BY VANESSA LANE
SPORTS WRITER

as they headed into the Centennial Conference Tournament as the number one seed and, of course, as hosts of the tournament. But there was more to the story than just being the number one seed. The Mules were en route to their third straight conference title, a feat that has never been achieved in the history of Muhlenberg or the Centennial Conference Tournament.

The Mules had a bye for the first round and anxiously awaited the winner of the Dickinson versus Johns Hopkins game. By late Wednesday night, the girls knew that they would be playing against Dickinson and began preparing for the semi-final game.

The Saturday afternoon game was a blow out for the Mules who played tremendous basketball and gained a 17-point lead against the Red Devils in the first half. Like most games this year, the Mules put

away their opponent early and never trailed again. With 8:51 late in the game, Dickinson came to within nine points of Muhlenberg, but that was the closest they would get and with a lay-up from junior forward Sheila Cook and some free throws from senior forward Maiza Mock, the Mules were able to pull themselves from the single digit lead to win against Dickinson 62-50.

Sophomore guard Alex Chili had a game high 20 points in the win and added six rebounds and four assists. Juniors Shelia Cook and Kelly McKeon each contributed 12 points and McKeon became eight points closer to hitting her 1,000th career point.

The Mules were confident and ready to play in the final of the Centennial Conference Tournament pursuing that third straight title. McDaniel won their semi final game against Gettysburg and the stage was set for the dramatic and final game in conference play of the 2010 season.

The game was close early in the first half until McDaniel made a run. The Mules were within

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Junior Kelly McKeon scored her 1000th career point over the weekend in the Centennial Conference Tournament.

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The true cause of the Freshman 15?

By JILLIAN BEVACQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

Imagine that you are asked to be part of an experiment. You are brought to a room with a few other college students, filled with seemingly unlimited pizza and macaroni and cheese with a big screen TV against the wall. You are told to relax, watch some TV, and eat as much as you please.

This may sound like heaven to a lot of students, but it was a scientific experiment conducted recently that found that college students consume, on average, two times as much pizza and macaroni and cheese while watching television as they do while simply listening to music.

Using this eye-opening example, Muhlenberg alum Amy Jordan, PhD, began her lecture last Thurs., Mar 18. Jordan's lecture, entitled "The Role of Media in Childhood Obesity: Causes, Consequences, Solutions," left no seats empty in the Seegers' Great Room. In a successful effort to enlighten both students and faculty members about the dangers of food marketing, Jordan provided statistics, examples, and studies like the one about college students eating more while seated in front on the television.

Jordan graduated from Muhlenberg, one of the first colleges to offer a Communications major, in 1983 and obtained her PhD from the Annenberg School of Com-

munication. She has published numerous works in relation to the media and children. Her recent work has focused on the growing epidemic of childhood obesity, and the evidence that supports the simultaneously growing belief that the media is only making this epidemic worse.

As difficult as it may be for college students to put down the popcorn while watching their favorite MTV show, young children in America are incredibly susceptible to advertising on television that supports and all but causes children's consumption of things like sugary cereals and fast food.

Obesity has increased in children by 45 percent over the last decade, placing roughly one third of U.S. children in the obese category. As Jordan explained, this drastic increase has resulted from a combination of an abundance of high calorie, low nutrition foods and a simultaneous decrease in physical activity and increase in sedentary activity, such as watching TV, in children's lives. Along with the recent increase in child-directed food marketing, including everything from advertisements during Saturday morning cartoons to billboards and sponsorships of school athletic teams, children are incredibly vulnerable to malnutrition and obesity.

Television is the biggest culprit in terms of the media, both in promoting eating while using media and affecting other as-

pects of children's lives. It is a known and well-researched fact, Jordan explained, that children who watch commercial television are more likely to be overweight than those who only watch PBS or DVDs on a regular basis. Studies have shown the negative effects of TV on children who have televisions in their bedrooms, many of which go so far as to state that these TVs lead to less sleep and therefore make children more likely to become overweight. Above all else, however, is the manner in which companies target children through their television advertisements.

Jordan showed many examples of the ways food companies try to attract children, including ads for McDonalds, Kraft, and SunnyD. Even amidst recent reforms requiring such companies to put a more healthy spin on their ads, the only message that comes through to kids is one of consumption and a desire for unhealthy foods. Jordan did show some examples of campaign ads to promote a healthier lifestyle, such as the "Got Milk?" campaign and the "Verb" campaign ("Verb: It's what you do"). While these ads mark strides in the right direction, can they truly help decrease the childhood obesity epidemic?

Jordan doesn't seem to think so. At the very least, they can't do it alone. She concluded her presentation with some propositions to facilitate

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Pres. Obama takes aim at education reform

By AMBER ELCHERT
NEWS WRITER

At a meeting with our nation's governors, President Obama outlined new steps to better prepare America's children for college and the workplace.

The President is calling for a redesigned Elementary and Secondary Education Act that includes a comprehensive, new vision to help states successfully transition to and implement college- and career-ready standards by improving teacher preparation and development, upgrading classroom instruction, and supporting high-quality assessments.

"America's prosperity has always rested on how well we educate our children – but never more so than today," said President Obama. "This is true for our workers, when a college graduate earns over 60 percent more in a lifetime than a high school graduate. This is true for our businesses, when according to one study; six in ten say they simply can't find qualified people to fill open positions." President Obama is saying that people who graduate from college have a better chance of getting a job because they are more qualified.

Last year, the President challenged states to develop standards and assessments that will help America's children rise to the challenge of graduating from high school prepared for college and the workplace with The No Child Left Behind Act. Today, the Obama Administration announced new efforts to promote college- and career-ready standards in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The President and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan applauded Governors for their efforts to work together in a state-led consortium – managed by the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) – to develop and implement common reading and math standards that build toward college- and career-readiness.

"With many states well positioned to adopt these common standards that better position our students for college and careers, the Governors initiative is an essential first step in improving the rigor of teaching and learning in America's classrooms," said Secretary Duncan.

To better align the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to support college- and career-ready standards, the Obama Administration will integrate new policies into a redesigned ESEA, which will require all states to adopt and certify that they have college- and career-ready standards in reading and mathematics. Additionally, the policies will require them to include new funding priorities for states with college- and career-ready standards in place, as they compete for federal funds to improve teaching and learning and upgrade curriculum in reading and math. This priority applies to the President's FY2011 budget request for new Effective Teaching and Learning programs in literacy (\$450 million) and STEM (\$300 million). This would also encourage states, schools districts, and other institutions to better align teacher preparation practices and programs to teaching of col-

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Let's take this outside

Everyone take a moment to picture how you spent this past weekend. Undoubtedly, work comes to mind, probably some catching up on sleep and hopefully a well-deserved Friday night break from studying. Above all, we hope at least a few of those precious weekend hours were spent outside!

While it is very likely that the sunny with a high of 75 degree weather of this weekend won't be back for a few more weeks, any weather suitable for sitting outside in is a welcome thing on this campus. Virtually all students agree that the College is a different place when everyone is rushing from building to building, bent over from the cold. One of us recently passed by some students talking about how high school seniors who tour the College on a cold day in the dead of winter miss out on what Muhlenberg is really like, and we couldn't agree more. From hammocks on the front lawn to barbecues and kickball games outside the library, the sun makes students shed their winter shells and start to get excited for Spring.

Also, after such a long winter (there was two feet of snow on the ground barely two weeks ago!), we could all use a healthy dose of Vitamin D. Vitamin D deficiency is surprisingly common, especially this time of year, and the vitamin is rarely found in foods like most other essential vitamins and minerals. In healthy doses, studies have found that Vitamin D maintains healthy bone structure and calcium absorption, boosts overall immunity (including against tuberculosis), and may even help prevent heart attacks.

So as tempting as it may be to spend your infrequent doses of free time crashed on your dorm room couch, grab a book and some friends and spend it outside. If the weather's nice, you'll pick up some of that much needed Vitamin D, not to mention that post-sunshine good mood and, if you're lucky, maybe even a few tan lines. Just don't forget the sunscreen!

"The sun makes students shed their winter shells and start to get excited for Spring"

What's niceness got to do with it?

By SARA ROMANELLO
Op/Ed Writer

As a frustrated reader, I was tempted at first to write this article as a direct refute to President Helm's most recent "Letter to the Editor" contribution to the *Weekly*.

Instead, I think it is most important to discuss, as a campus, the implication of our President's concluding words.

"Ridicule and rudeness have no place on our campus," read one of the final lines, in Helm's response to Alex Breiding's article on workers' rights. Where Breiding constructed an informed and thoughtful statement on the worker's right to organize, Helm returned to us a piece that, after dismissing Breiding's "arguments, conclusions, and tactics" with little to no valid explanation, ultimately hangs its coat on the importance of being nice. Now, I don't mean to be misconstrued here. I, too, am deeply disturbed whenever I witness any staff person on our campus being treated with less than due respect. This is a matter that deserves to be addressed in its own right, and I second Helm in saying that as a community we must commit to being aware of our behavior, and work to correct it where it falls short of what is appropriate and courteous. However, I cannot believe that from the ongoing discussion about the treatment and rights of Sodexo workers, both in the *Weekly* and in general on our campus, what Helm deemed most important to directly and assertively address was politeness.

On a campus where "niceness" nearly always translates to silence on topics like race, gender, sexuality, inequality, power and hierarchy, is niceness, in certain senses of the term, actually doing us a disservice? Most College students will agree that active dialogue about the topics just mentioned is rare outside of the classroom. And maybe that shouldn't surprise us. Discussion of those topics can be extremely uncomfortable, especially when they are being discussed outside of a strictly academic discourse, and most especially when they take place between people that might - brace yourselves - disagree. I fully and freely admit that I too have been guilty of shying away from controversial discussion in favor of maintaining a delicate air of politeness. However, that politeness fosters a community culture that not only avoids conflict, but also is fearful of it. What our silence is creating is a series of taboos, a list of do nots for the dinner table.

And where niceness occludes and prevents dialogue, we can be sure it is doubly restraining the

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Our suffering education system



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

Since Obama's inauguration over a year ago, American society has been suffocated by the endless conversations concerning health care. However, while the health care situation has been in the forefront, issues arguably just as important have been put on the back burner; specifically our nations failing education system.

Over the past few days President Obama has thankfully begun to address this very significant problem that has

been silently plaguing our society since the poorly instituted "No Child Left Behind" act; however, "after 14 months in the Obama Fix-it Shop, federal education policy is still not road-ready. The mechanic-in-chief is still working on it, but he announced this week what he wants it to look like when he is done."

President Obama feels that if we fail to strengthen our education system we will lose even more ground on foreign countries than we already have; for "the nation that out educates us today will out compete us tomorrow."

Our suffering education system will not only affect us versus foreign competitors, but also against internal competition; "American 15-year-olds do not even near the top in math and science against those around the World." If we cannot compete at the age of 15, then there is little chance of us competing at any later stage, meaning that professions like engineering that predominately require extensive knowledge in both math and science will continually be dominated by foreigners.

Therefore President Obama, in conjunction with Education Secretary Arne Duncan, has recently proposed a solution to the education conundrum, a 41-page "blueprint", ("The No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 [NCLB] was initially legislated for five years, and has been

since temporarily extended, but not officially reauthorized").

While all of these ideas may seem kosher, the blueprint seems to have some gaping holes. "It's very reminiscent of health care a year ago - Obama comes out with a "plan" that is really just a bunch of guns-and-butter, have-it-both-ways, Rorschach-test platitudes. Congress will be left to craft the details, and like health care, when it reaches them it's very likely to blow up in Obama's face."

The most significant problem facing this plan that certainly has not been sufficiently addressed, is the overwhelming problem concerning test assessments. There is simply too much that rides on these tests. In Obama's plan not only the schools are reliable, but also each individual teacher is going to be made accountable for their students' test scores. Thereby meaning that each teacher's job is on the line every year when these tests are taken. The new plan, "would use student performance data, like test results, in evaluating teachers. Teacher unions hate this idea ... whether their child's prospective teacher has a track record for heading kids in the right direction, or whether they slow

them down."

Due to this, the teachers must and will continue to primarily "teach to the test", which has been the aim of most school districts since the initiation of the NCLB plan anyway.

In addition, another significant short-fall of the new plan is that rich schools will still be receiving a majority of the government finances and the poor ones will not. A little backwards is it not? The schools that are wealthy easily allocate their finances towards teaching to the test, therefore producing higher test scores. Those schools that are failing due to their lack of money will not be able

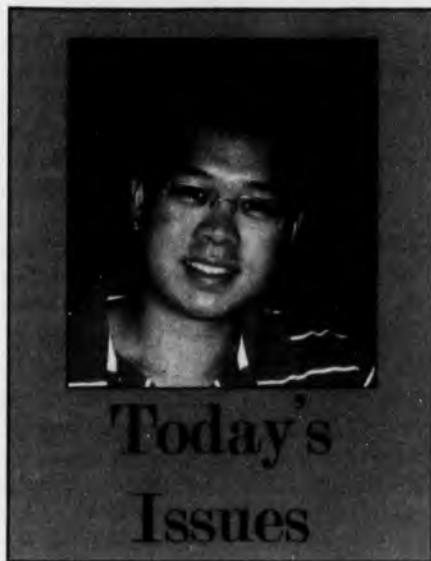
to provide the same level of 'testing education' and therefore will produce substantially lower test scores. While the already wealthy schools are rewarded for their high level of excellence on the tests, the poorer schools simply become poorer and are reprimanded for their scores. Instead of giving at least some of the money to the poor education districts he is going to shut failing schools down.

Another major problem with the new blueprint is the inability for a child to leave his or her

...each individual teacher is going to be made accountable for their students ...

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Dems: Be ready to face the music



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

After months of exhausting debate between the White House and Congress, the much awaited healthcare reform bill made it through the House of Representatives and ever closer to President Obama's desk. Sunday's late day vote was certainly a nail-baiter and has been hailed as a victory for Speaker Nancy Pelosi, President Obama, and Congressional Democrats. Going by the news reports and the over joy of the bill's proponents, it would seem as though the final signature and enactment of this healthcare bill will be the ultimate solution to America's healthcare dilemma. But let's take a break from the excitement (it was

a big day after all) and have a sober, clear minded moment to examine what this legislation does, or intends to do, and how it will go about doing this. It might not be as perfect as we see it.

The first point that we should recognize is the consensus reached between both Democrats and Republicans on the need to reform America's healthcare system. Costs are high for patients and healthcare providers, health insurance is not as prevalent as we would like, and the health insurance industry is complicated. Trying to tackle such a messy issue as healthcare was headed towards controversy and seemingly endless debate. Discussion, research, and time are exactly what our government should adhere to when considering critical issues. Even though the healthcare debate dragged on for what may have seemed like a lifetime, it has not been that long for a something as complex as an entire country's healthcare system.

So the first point of criticism stems from the overly rushed pace at which Congressional leaders and the White House went to pass this expansive bill. Pelosi and Congressional Democrats are not fooling anyone by declaring this as a purely legislative victory for the American people. The passage of the healthcare reform bill has always been an electorally motivated goal. Having such a success on a party's legislative record is an indispensable political tool. I'm certainly not saying today's Congressional Democrats were the first and only to do

this, because Republicans have done the exact same thing in the past (it is just a part of party politics). But I have a problem with any party, which in this case happens to be the Democrats, that crams a bill with such a broad area of influence in a limited time period. The point is to get the health care reform as good as possible, not as quickly as possible. Our citizens' well being ought to be more important than electoral prospects.

There are two specific issues that are strongly intertwined with today's healthcare debate. One happens to be the fight over federally funded abortions, a question that has filled headlines over last few weeks. Any healthcare reform bill, proposed by either party, should not contain any provisions that provide tax payer dollars for abortions. In fact, this bill ought to have specific language that prohibits any federal taxes from funding abortions. Part of the final deal struck between Democrats dropped the "Stupak bloc's" call for this straightforward provision. Instead, there will be an executive order issued that will supposedly prevent funding for abortions. The proper approach should involve Congress, the branch which holds the power of the purse, setting any restrictions on federal funds. This is in no way an anti-abortion stance, but one of principle. A practice like abortion, which many Americans

are morally opposed to (their reasoning doesn't matter), should not be provided for by the public. It is a purely personal choice, and therefore, a privately funded procedure. Someone's abortion is none of my business and not a service I should pay for. This is position comes from my belief that no tax payer dollars should ever be used for religious matters, especially going towards religious schools and religious education. Public schools should never involve religious teachings or materials just as tax dollars should never pay for abortions.

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An equally important matter to consider is immigration and healthcare. The healthcare bill that the Senate passed in Dec. did include a provision that prohibited illegal immigrants from buying health insurance through the program established by the federal government. This is a necessary, and contrary to many Democrats, and very reasonable request. Putting aside personal criticism of the validity and effectiveness of the bill, it is safe to say that pumping American tax dollars to non-taxpayers is just plain wrong. If we cough up the dough, we should be the only ones at the receiving end of the services provided by our taxes. No federal law should encourage free-riding. Members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus have

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Don't ask don't tell

By VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Homosexuality has been a subject of conversation dating back to the 1970s, and even further back to the times of the Roman Empire. This said, why is it taking the American society such a long time to accept homosexuality?

Though gay marriage has been a topic of conversation in the spotlight for some time now, another issue currently being discussed is the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Some individuals ask questions like "what's the big deal?" and "why can't homosexuals just keep their sexual preference to themselves?" In an interview with an unnamed soldier, who left the army because of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, when asked why he left, he replied that he could not stand the idea of going "back into the closet." For a nation that prides itself on individuality, it is shocking that as a nation we would ask an American citizen to hide such a significant aspect of them.

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was enacted in 1993. At that time, most of the American society was against homosexuality, and even further, 59% believed it to be morally wrong.

The CNN/Opinion Research Corporation recently conducted a poll of 1,023 adult Americans over a three-day period. They asked two questions. First whether or not the individual was against the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. And secondly, if they felt that homosexuality was morally wrong.

The results were exciting and very positive in reference to American society's progress toward accepting homosexuality as a nation. When asked about the policy, 69% of Americans polled are absolutely against it. This is a stark contrast to when the policy was originally legislated. Another positive result that was derived from this poll shows that even though the majority of those against the policy are Democrats, 62% of Republicans and 63% of Independents are also against it.

Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT) announced last Monday that he would support legislation against the policy, hopefully leading to its repeal. It seems that even though a good amount of society does believe homosexuality to be an issue of morality, they are willing to start accepting the free will of American people.

What I sincerely do not understand is why anyone in this day in age could be asked to hide who they are. I am not ignorant of societies, even within the United States, that still do restrict the people within their select cultures; but, for our American government who governs under the words, "Land of the Free," and still restrict our own citizens to their very freedoms is a pathetic contradiction to the very fundamentals our country was founded on.

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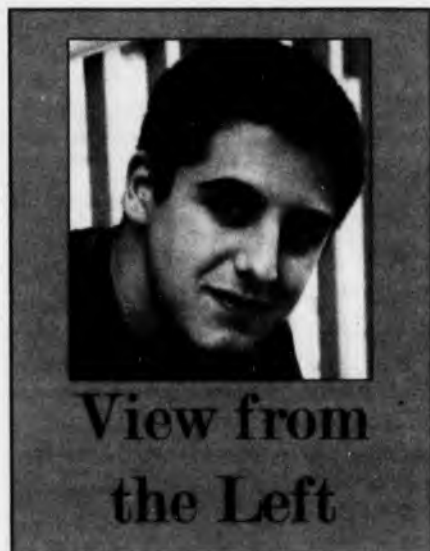
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What is a union?



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A union is: a group of workers who form an organization to bargain collectively for a better employment contract. The purpose of collective bargaining is to gain respect and dignity, a living wage, affordable health care, and a voice in improving the quality of their products and services. Each "shop" within a union functions democratically to achieve these benefits. All the shops across the world form unions within their specialized fields and support each other in standing up for a worker's rights on the job and in society. Local shops within the same union often join together to become one "bargaining unit." For example, SEIU unionized cleaners in New York City negotiate collectively in a city-wide agreement, using the power of 30,000 members to gain workers' rights.

A union is not: a private vendor, business, or corporation. The IRS classifies unions apart from these enterprises; they are classified as membership driven non-profit organizations (501(c)(5)). Other notable member-driven non-profits include Relay for Life, Wish Upon a Star, and the NAACP.

A union is: an effective method in gaining rights and benefits for food services workers. Although Sodexo food workers are not yet unionized at Lehigh, Lafayette, Moravian, or Muhlenberg, the food services workers at the Bethlehem Area School District are managed by Sodexo and unionized through Worker's United and SEIU. At the Bethlehem Area School's Sodexo-run kitchens workers can purchase health care at around

\$6.00 per pay period, compared to up to \$200.00 per pay period at the listed non-unionized Sodexo kitchens. Furthermore, at the Bethlehem Area School District, workers' health care options include dental plans, prescription medication plans, life insurance plans, and on-site medical coverage for up to two years. At the Bethlehem Area School District, general kitchen employees start at \$11.86 per hour, with an annual 3.5% pay raise. At the College we have workers making less than \$9.00 per hour and have been working in the same kitchen for nearly a decade. This brings us to pay scales. At the Bethlehem Area School District, workers are paid and awarded positions based on seniority rather than favoritism. By awarding workers based on seniority, the employees have an incentive to remain with their employer for a longer period and, thus, procure a more sustainable business. Finally, workers at the Bethlehem Area School District are provided a leave of absence with a guarantee to be able to return to their old job within the allotted time-frame. Your assignment is to ask any College Sodexo worker about Celia Kam and if he or she is allowed a leave of absence.

Workers attempting to unionize are: protected by federal laws from discrimination and from being fired for choosing to join a union or advocating for a union in their workplace. Therefore, it is illegal for employers to threaten to shut down their business or to fire any or all employees or take away benefits if workers are attempting to form a union.

Unions are: membership driven and consequently require members to pay dues. The cost for union dues varies along the divisions of labor and is relative to the average annual income for that occupation. Dues go to building the power of their organization: representation, handling grievances, contract negotiations, and organizing. Members don't pay dues until they have negotiated and ratified their own contract and decided for themselves whether paying dues is in their best interest. Dues are usually a small percentage between 1-3% of their paycheck. Oftentimes the initial wage increase after joining a union goes almost entirely into paying for union dues. Though this sounds disheartening, remember that at unionized kitchens, such as the Bethlehem Area School District, annual pay raises of around 4% are usually guaranteed and soon overshadow the union dues. Furthermore, if one factors in the amount of money saved from gaining a more affordable health care option, the union dues demonstrate to be a fiscally responsible investment — one that pays off more and more each year.

Clearly there are many aspects of unions that were not covered by this article. Admittedly, I am not an expert on unions and labor laws, nor do I wish to stand on a self-declared pedestal and educate any of my peers on unions or the blight known as Sodexo. That is why I challenge everyone to do their own research, ask their professors about unions, and constantly question the non-unionized status quo.



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plained about this prohibition and have sought good policy by reversing this language in the bill. How would allowing illegal immigrants to receive coverage under a government healthcare system without requiring compensation help Americans? They really need a lesson on the basics of fairness and common sense.

In addition to these high profile controversies, we cannot forget to mention the cost of the bill and its poor financial timing. The time of passage of the healthcare reform bill could not have been at a worse time. Things are improving economically, but we have not fully recovered. American families are still hurting and times are economically tough. It is common knowledge that our government has accumulated an unimaginable amount of debt. On top of all of this our Congress and President are set to enact an almost \$1 trillion bill (according to the Congressional Budget Office). How have the bill's proponents justified this heap of debt dropped in the laps of the tax payers? They have called for cuts in Medicare, which have been promised and subsequently reversed repeatedly since 1999, and a measly claim of a reduction in the national deficit of \$130 billion. Where is the pay off? With success in sight Democrats have raised their spirits, but they should not get overconfident. Sunday's vote will be one for the history books, and the bill itself will be famous. But this legislative win will not automatically translate into electoral victory. They better be ready to face a tough crowd come election season.

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public school in search of a better public school education. In NCLB this is a possibility; however, in the new plan if a child is stuck in a poor area with a poor education, he can not receive a higher level of a education, and he must remain in the same school or pay for a private education. Isn't there something wrong here?

The good news is Obama does understand the immediate need for something to be done about our education system. It has been failing for too long, and we have been dancing around reforming it since Bush's crash and burn attempt in 2001. This year, "an estimated 3,294,590 students across the USA will graduate from high school this spring. But only 2,042,646 will go on to college, according to the National Center for Education Statistics." This statistic must improve in order for the United States to remain a competitor in the foreign market but also in order to uphold and significantly increase our own American livelihood. As stated by Obama last Saturday, "The level of education a person attains is increasingly a prerequisite for success and a predictor of the income that person will earn throughout his or her life."

Please mess with Texas

By DAVID EISENBERG
Op/Ed Writer

People everywhere like to say that New Jersey is the worst state in the Union, usually for the aspects that they can only judge from the highway. As someone who is originally from New Jersey, I can safely say that it is an underrated (though imperfect) state and not deserving of that title. Certainly, there are worse states in this country.

Take Texas, for example. Recent events make it safe to say that the lunatics are running the asylum that is the state government. Their governor is Rick Perry, a textbook political opportunist if there ever was one. Originally a Democrat from the western part of the state, he switched his party allegiance in 1989 with some nudging from Karl Rove. After the not-quite-native son George W. Bush (who is originally from Connecticut) was elected to the White House, Perry ascended to the job. Perry's political views have changed when it is most convenient to him. For example, he angered many conservatives when he OK'd giving out HPV vaccines to girls. Those opposed to the measure—which, unfortunately, is many within the state—think that it encourages girls to have sex without consequences. In reality, he did this as a favor to pharmaceutical companies.

Recently, however, Perry has taken a

sharp right turn in his policies. The state that just two years ago led the country in the “love it or leave it” attitude towards President Bush has become the foremost state in opposing Obama with anti-government, anti-tax Tea Party rhetoric. It is as if someone hit their collective heads with a giant mallet and gave Republicans in the state amnesia. Perry has opened his arms to the protesters, even saying in a speech that he would consider secession—a far cry from four years ago, when your average Texan (a word that should be an insult meaning “proud ignoramus”) would call any descent against President Bush treason.

This was enough to carry the fringe vote in the state's Republican primary recently. Perry got a majority of votes over “moderate” (read: pro-life) U.S. senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson and avowed teabagger Debra Medina, who I suppose is too far to the right for a state where the fringe right holds the power. Considering the political currents going on in Texas, he should have an easier time winning the gubernatorial race than he did in 2006. That year, he received a plurality of votes in the upper 30s, beating out, among other people, a man who headed the group “Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jew Boys.” Perry rode out that storm and looks like a lock to win again. In fact, he could run after this term, since

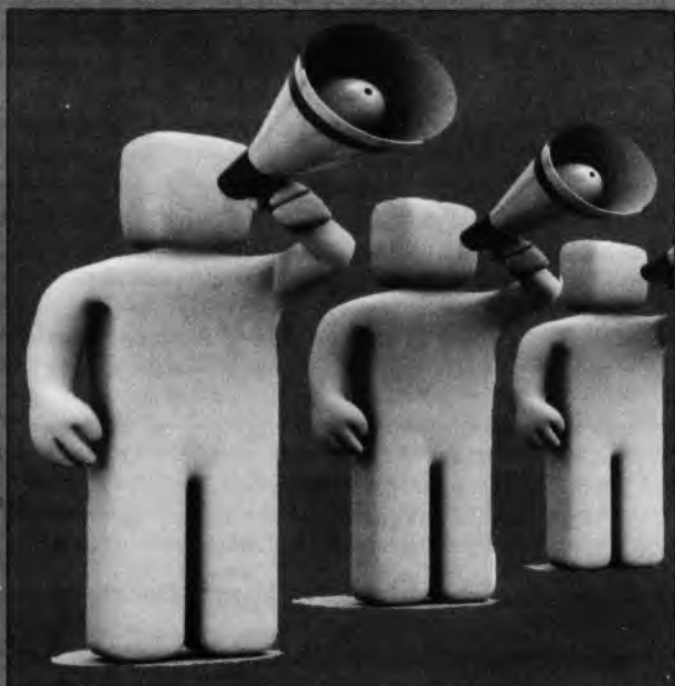
unlike most states, there are no term limits (oddly enough for Texas, the South is where term limits are most popular).

The state legislature is no better. The people that are elected are part-time employees at best. The state constitution locks their salary at a pitiful \$7,000, which was a good sum for when the document was first written but can't pay the bills today. Thus, most Texas legislators have other jobs, and the people that usually get the seats are ones who have money to begin with. That means that they usually don't have the best interests of the people in mind. Texas also has the highest hate crime and teen pregnancy rates in the country. The most offensive thing that they have done, however, is ruin textbooks for our children studying history. Fringe Republicans control a majority of seats on the state board of education, which, for some reason, is directly elected by the people instead of appointed by the governor. Because Texans mostly only care about gubernatorial races, voters elect people whose education credentials are absent. For example, there is a dentist and a man without a college degree on the board.

The changes that they have proposed to the textbooks that they want to buy are nothing short of appalling, shortsighted, and—in certain cases—racist. Among many other examples, they min-

imize the importance of the New Deal era and maximize the influence of free-market thinkers like Friedman and von Hayek. They give hardly any mention to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and instead talk about how Republicans freed the slaves and promoted their well-being after the Civil War—never mind that Lincoln would likely be a Democrat if he were alive today. They also don't mention Thomas Jefferson as an inspiration for revolutions across the world; instead, they put forth old religious figures like Calvin and Aquinas as inspirations. Finally, they want the books to say that the Founding Fathers took Christianity as an inspiration in creating the country.

According to the people who run the board, the reason for doing this is to temper “liberal influence” in academia. The consequences could be disastrous, as Texas is a huge buyer of textbooks and may cause national publishers to bend to their insidious will. Clearly, countering bias with blatant bias is not the way to solve anything. I am going to be blunt: I will not shed a tear if Texas secedes tomorrow. I would love to see the state become a mix of a religious police state and a libertarian haven just so I can see it collapse. Maybe once that happens, they try to be Americans again. Until that day, we will have to live under the thumb of ignorant Texans (but I repeat myself).



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potential for social action, organization, and demonstration. To anchor this with an example, we can use Helm's own topic: student activists' involvement with the potential unionization of Sodexo workers on our campus. Over the past few weeks, interested students have attempted to create an atmosphere where Sodexo workers, at the very least, have adequate and appropriate opportunity to learn about labor organizing. Unfortunately, the lack of support that students have found from administrators has made facilitating the opportunity for a safe exchange of information nearly impossible. We are not the first group of student activists to face difficulty in organizing campus workers. However, on other campuses, students derived renewed efficacy by means of social demonstration. During the 90s, students at UNC Chapel Hill rallied, repeatedly, alongside campus maintenance workers to show support for higher pay demands. In the late 90s through 2000, students at Fairfield University organized sit-ins, rallies and, finally, a rolling hunger strike to demonstrate their seriousness and commitment about facilitating, as a college, the organization of their janitorial staff. And very recently, students at Harvard organized a hunger strike of their own to show support for maintenance workers attempting to unionize. These few examples are impressive and remarkable, but they are not rarities. Student demonstration and protest is not, and should not be considered, exceptional, inappropriate, or disruptive. Rather, it should be valued as an effective means of displaying seriousness, commitment and solidarity on issues that are important to us.

I can't help but worry that our campus culture, fostered by the silence of students and reinforced by administrators that call for niceness before activism, harbors an atmosphere where students are implicitly fearful of the practices of social dialogue and demonstration that have proven themselves to be so effective on other campuses. So what can we do to change this? Luckily, as students, we have just as much potential as administrators to affect the culture of our college. We need to begin by consciously and actively seeking to break taboos on dialogue by discussing controversial topics outside of safe spaces like classrooms and close groups of friends. In doing so, we can hope to transform our community into what many of us already consider our classrooms and friend circles to be: a safe haven for open dialogue on topics where conflict, disagreement, and even argument is both inevitable and necessary.

On a campus that, in this semester alone, is offering courses like Inequality and Power, Globalization and Social Justice, and Civil Rights and Liberties (just to name a few), we need to carefully examine how well we are putting the lessons of these courses to use and where increased dialogue and action can help improve the implementation of these lessons outside of the classroom. In its commentary on “niceness” this article does not belittle the importance of behaving appropriately and respectfully. But it does beg students to consider through lenses offered here and in the College education, where desire for “niceness”, in the forms it often manifests itself in on our campus (silence, avoidance of conflict, hesitancy to organize, distaste for public demonstration), is preventing important conversations and necessary social action.

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Keeping 'Berg an even more environmentally friendly campus

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

If there is one sure bet to place

on the College, it is that we are slowly but surely going green. Over the years students have been witnesses to several key pieces of evidence to this inevitable conclusion. Four years ago, many trees around campus had been satirically "marked" for demolition in a manner reminiscent of the film *Fern Gulley*. After that, printers across campus were reprogrammed to print double sided in an effort to conserve paper usage. This year marked the controversial passing of the Just-Tap-It Initiative that was begun by EnAct and approved by Student Government and the administration. In this spirit the College has hired Kalyna A. Procyk as their Sustainability Coordinator, a job Procyk seems to be doing remarkably well.

An e-mail from Procyk outlined several of the latest efforts to be sustainable at the College. This included switching the College to Single-Stream Recycling. This process allows students to place all of their recyclables into one time-efficient pile. These would include paper, metal, plastic and glass. However, students should note that not all items count as recyclables. Some of these non-recyclable items include plastic bags, styrofoam packing materials, tissues, paper towels, books, wax coated boxes or cartons, ceramics, broken glass, mirrors, light bulbs, aerosol cans, any item with significant food residue.

The second major additions to the College are the Hydration Stations. As of Jan. 1, bottled water is no longer automatically included in your meal plan and now can only be purchased for dining dollars or cash. This change will save thousands of plastic bottles from being landfilled and prevent you from spending money on water that is no cleaner or better tasting than Allentown filtered water. To support this student-led Just-Tap-It Initiative, the administration will be installing filtered water stations throughout campus.

The distributed e-mail also included a list of reasons why *not* to drink bottled water. Bottles can only be recycled once or twice before ending up in a landfill anyway, all the oil used to produce and ship each bottle would take up a quarter of each bottle, bottled water is usually just filtered municipal water, the 'fresh' taste is actually the effect of a chemical, companies are selling you a product that you can get for free from a water fountain, regulations on bottled water are not enforced, and tap water is tested regularly for hazards, and a third of the brands of bottled water have *higher* levels of bacteria than tap water.

The final sustainability improvement is the implementation of Earth Day. The Greening Committee is planning several initiatives for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

The events will culminate the week of April 19th.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers	Sunny	Cloudy
High: 45 Low: 29	High: 53 Low: 33	High: 59 Low: 41

An interview with Senator Specter

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Tues., Mar. 16, seven reporters from student run newspapers in Pennsylvania were given a unique and intriguing opportunity to partake in a conference call with a US Senator. On behalf of The Muhlenberg Weekly, I took part in a 45-minute Q&A session with Senator Arlen Specter. Below is an abbreviated transcript of the interview that took place.

AS: To give you a thumbnail as to what we're doing right now: We have on the floor the reauthorization of the FAA, and what we're doing is trying to add jobs to what we're working on. The big issue on the jobs front is to provide more jobs. I spend a good bit of my time arguing before the International Trade Commission to keep out illegally imported steel which is subsidized or dumped; it takes away jobs. The Chinese take our jobs and take our money and loan it back to us and unfortunately own too much of America.

Comprehensive healthcare is going forward. I've been a strong advocate of the public option. Regrettably, we've had a lot of misinformation. People thought the public option was going to be a federal takeover, which it wasn't. It was just one option among others. But I believe we're going to get the job done to cover the millions of people who are now not covered, stop abusive insurance practices on preexisting conditions and to bring down the costs of healthcare.

I've taken a strong position over my career of a woman's right to choose and gay rights. When Senator Kennedy was looking for a cosponsor, years ago, in 1997, it was the Kennedy-Specter hate crime legislation. I cosponsored Senator Lieberman's bill on Don't Ask, Don't Tell to repeal that.

On the Appropriations Committee, I worked hard on increasing Pell grants from about \$2400 to more than \$5500 and the Federal Stafford loans, guaranteed student loans. I'm working on the EPW Committee on the problems of global warming; chaired the Judiciary Committee where we passed an immigration bill. It didn't get through the conference committee. I'm spending a lot of time on appropriations on matters like the deepening of the Port of Philadelphia 40-45 feet to bring in more cargoes. There's potential for 125,000 more jobs. I'm working to keep the funding for the lock and dams in the Pittsburgh-inland waterway system; replenishment of the beach in Lake Erie which is a big tourist attraction in Erie. I'm working on a high speed line, trying to get a train that goes 300 miles/hour from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia in two hours and seven minutes. We're moving ahead on a rail line from Scranton

to Hoboken to create a Wall Street West.

I've been in the Senate since I was elected in 1980 and I don't want to take so much time and I want to leave time for questions so I think I'll yield at this point and let the questions begin and I'll start with Gretchen Anderson in Pittsburgh.

Q: Hello, I'm with the University of Pittsburgh. With the upcoming election, what are you going to do to get young people to vote for you?

AS: I'm going to tell them about my record. I'm going to tell them that when the stimulus package came to the Senate, and it looked like we were about to slide into a 1929 Depression, I said the future of the country was more important than my seat and my status with the Republican party, and I bucked the party and provided the critical vote to get it passed. It brought \$16 billion to the state, \$1 billion for highways. It's the money being used now for unemployment compensation and for Medicaid, and, in a sense, a return to my roots.

I think you folks might be interested to know I started off as a Democrat and my parents were both immigrants, hard hit by the Depression and FDR-Democrats. And I was JFK-Democrat. I was an assistant DA, won some big cases in Philadelphia and wanted to be the candidate on the Democratic ticket and the party chairman said they didn't want an honest, tough District Attorney in Philadelphia. I know that won't surprise you. And I was asked by the Republicans to run; Republicans hadn't won an election in Philadelphia in a very long time – still haven't – and I even kept my Democratic registration. And I was elected and tried to bring some moderation to the party, such as when I voted for the stimulus and refused to be party to that obstruction. There were irreconcilable differences between the Republican and Arlen Specter.

Over my career I have really voted probably more with Democrats than Republicans, being Independent with a woman's right to choose and Guantanamo and warrantless wiretapping and Judge Bork – a little before your time – but I led the fight against him. Had he been on the court, it would have been a different country.

Q: Matt Pearson, News Editor of the Muhlenberg Weekly. I was wondering how you felt that the economy would be affecting graduating seniors?

AS: I think it's a tough job market, but I think it is doable. I can recall when I graduated from law school the difficulties in finding a job. But talented, young people are in demand. I bring people into my office looking for talented people. I think we're seeing a little upturn in the job market right now. The indicators are good. We have had a steady decline in job losses. A year ago

we were losing about 600,000 jobs a month. Now we're just about even or losing slightly. The unemployment rate dipped under 10%, down to 9.7%. I think it'll be challenging, but I think it'll be doable.

Q: Brendan, staff writer for the Aquinas. You talked about you being supportive and raising the amount of Pell grants. The principal reason that the Obama administration is attempting to attach the fiscal responsibility and student aid act to the budget package is that will, in essence, allow the Senate to pass that education legislation by a simple majority vote. I was wondering if you were in support of that legislation and if you think this is a good strategy to pass the education legislation or if you think it should be passed separately?

AS: I think it is a good strategy. I think we ought to give students the most economical loans they can get so that the debt is no higher than absolutely necessary. I have a son finishing residency after medical school and I know what the debt is like and what he has and I think the reconciliation package is a good strategy. There are going to be some job losses in Pennsylvania as a result of that, and I'm trying to work through some ways to save those jobs or find other jobs, but I think it's a good strategy on the reconciliation and I think it's going to be done.

Q: Mike Fisher, Dickinsonian Newspaper. The healthcare debate has consumed our campus just as much as it has the entire country. The procedural aspect has become very interesting to a lot of us. Last March you said that pushing the healthcare bill through with reconciliation would be a "colossal mistake" and that it would destroy a most precious aspect of Senate procedure. What makes the reconciliation procedure acceptable now, a year later after making that statement?

AS: My initial reaction was reconciliation was really like the filibuster. But with so much attention on reconciliation I have done a lot of legal research on it. As a matter of fact I put a statement into the Congressional Record today which is practically a legal brief reciting the 22 times when it's been used in the past under analogous circumstances. It was used for passing welfare reform which had a lot of substantive provisions; used in passing COBRA where you have the opportunity to change insurance policy; using it on SCHIP, Medicare advantage, and citing the Republicans who now say that reconciliation is not appropriate how they used it themselves in the past so that the legal research has persuaded me that it's appropriate to do.

Also I think that the way the obstructionism

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improvement, including counter-marketing ads like the anti-soda ad that she showed, depicting soda as something so grotesque that it made many students in the audience cringe. In addition, Jordan discussed the proposed tax on soda (two cents per can), which is currently being debated, and subsidizing ads for healthy eating and healthy physical activity.

But even these steps wouldn't be enough. Jordan proposed removing all television sets from children's bedrooms, as well as encouraging mindful media use within families, disconnecting eating from viewing television, and regularly providing balanced food and beverages. Most importantly; however, she acknowledged that organizations like the Annenberg Public Policy Center need to continue to follow up on such healthy living campaigns to view their effects. If certain health foods ads aren't getting through to people, Jordan explained, then we need to learn from them and try a different approach. Decreasing childhood obesity is too important to give up on. At least 70 percent of overweight kids live to become overweight adults. For their sake, as well as our own, we could do well to resist the urge to snack during "Gossip Girl." Or, at least, make it a healthy one.

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lege and career-ready standards. The act would also assist states in implementing assessments aligned with college- and career-ready standards, under a new Assessing Achievement program. The President's FY2011 budget supports \$400 million in state grants under this program.

It would further support the expansion of the Race to the Top, beyond funding in the Recovery Act, to dedicate \$1.35 billion in awards to states and school districts that have college- and career-ready standards in place as a condition of funding. All in all, the plan has the opportunity to be just as important as the health care talks.

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Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 1 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of a fire safety violation. Students were smoking from a hookah in the residence hall. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 1 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 1 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of an injured student. Muhlenberg College EMS responded and the student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 2 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of trashing. Trash was found in the elevator and in the men's bathroom. Residential Services was notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 2 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Mar. 2 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital by Allentown EMS.

Mar. 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 415 Leh St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 3 – Larceny/Theft From Vehicle – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of an individual breaking into a Pepsi truck. The individual took a bag containing only locks, which were returned to the driver. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. Allentown Police Department responded.

Mar. 3 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2255 Turner St. (building #3, third floor), there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 4 – Sick Student – In Martin Luther Hall, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg

College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 4 – Larceny/Theft – In Moyer Hall, basement, there was a report of theft of a poster from a door. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 4 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of found property including a false ID card. The owner will be contacted. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 4 – Electrical Problem – At 2263 Turner St. (building #2, second floor), there was a report of a room detector sounding. Plant Operations responded. There was no further incident.

Mar. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The items were photographed and destroyed. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation (beer pong) and possession of stolen property (napkin holder from Seegers Union), and several empty cans. A Campus Safety officer discarded the cans and the other items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 5 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of excessive trash in the common area on the first floor. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services were notified.

Mar. 5 – Intoxicated Person – In East Hall, block F, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 5 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation found during break closing. Several empty containers were found in the room. A Campus Safety officer discarded the items. A follow-up will be done at the conclusion of break. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 5 – Fire/Safety Violation – In Martin Luther Hall, second

floor, there was a report of a fire safety violation found during break closing. Items were taped to the ceiling and a toaster oven was found in the room. Fire Safety Violation fines will be sent. Alcohol bottles were found and disposed of by a Campus Safety officer. There was a report of found items including a couch from the Martin Luther Underground as well as a toaster oven and a broken handicap parking sign, which were taken and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students and Residential Services.

Mar. 5 – Found Property – In the Martin Luther parking lot, there was a report of found jumper cables. The items were placed in the property room.

Mar. 5 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a pay phone. Verizon was notified and responded to repair the phone. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 6 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walson Hall, first floor, there was a report of trashing. Dry erase markers were thrown all over the floor. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services was notified.

Mar. 8 – Found Property – In Ettinger, first floor, there was a report of a found wallet. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the lost and found locker. The owner was notified and will pick up the item after break.

Mar. 9 – Intoxicated Person – On N. 23rd St., there was a report of an intoxicated non-student. Allentown Police Department responded and took over the incident. There was no further incident.

Mar. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Walson Hall, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding set off by housekeeping setting off a fogger. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 14 – Injured Student – Off campus, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and a Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Mar. 14 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, third floor, there was a report of broken fire extinguisher glass. There are no suspects at this time. A work order was submit-

ted to have the glass repaired. Residential Services was notified.

Mar. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2239 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 15 – Sick Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the Health Center.

Mar. 15 – Lost Property – Off campus, there was a report of a lost parking sticker. The student was issued a replacement.

Mar. 15 – Found Property – In Shankweiler, third floor, there was a report of a found purse. The item was brought to Campus Safety. A message was left for the owner to pick up the item.

Mar. 15 – Lost Property – In Ettinger, basement, there was a report of theft of headphones. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 15 – Injured Student – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2152 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Mar. 16 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 16 – Sick Student – In East Hall, block C, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, basement, there was a report of a found key and student ID. An email was sent to the owner that instructed them to pick up the items. The items were later returned to their rightful owner.

Mar. 16 – Robbery (Firearms) – On Liberty St., there was a report of an armed robbery occurring at 21st and Liberty Sts. A cell phone was taken. The victim notified Allentown Police Department. A message was sent to the Campus community via email.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – On N. 23rd St., a reporting party found a wallet. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. A message was left with the owner to pick up the item. The item was later returned.

Mar. 16 – Larceny/Theft – Off campus, there was a report of a stolen or lost parking sticker. The student was issued a new sticker.

Mar. 16 – Injured Visitor – On Chew St., there was a report of an injured visitor as per the Health Center. A Campus Safety officer transported the visitor to the hospital.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – At 2259 Turner St., building #1, there was a report of a found ring. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a found ATM card. The item was placed in the lost and found locker and the owner was notified. The item was later returned.

Mar. 16 – Found Property – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a found chair. The chair appeared to be a bench from the Generals Quarters. An officer notified Generals Quarters and they are not missing any chairs, but did throw one away a short time ago.

Mar. 17 – Unlawful Entry (No Force) – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of theft of an ATM card. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 17 – Trespassing – In the Prosser parking lot, there was a report of several non-students on bicycles riding on campus. Allentown Police Department responded and a summary citation will be issued to one of the individuals, a juvenile, who was on campus previously. The others, after being identified, were given verbal warnings not to return on campus.

Mar. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, there was a report of vandalism to a window. Housekeeping was notified and responded to

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tape the window and clean the glass. A work order was submitted for Plant Operations to replace the window. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Trexler Pavilion, upper level, there was a report of vandalism to a fire extinguisher cover. A work order was submitted to have it replaced. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 18 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of excessive trash on all floors including the elevator. Soda cans, wrappers, empty milk containers, and other items were strewn everywhere. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services will be notified.

Mar. 18 – Sick Student – In the Center for the Arts, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Mar. 18 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – On the back drive, a habitual offender parked their vehicle illegally. A towing company was notified and removed the vehicle. Arrangements were made through the Controllers Office and the vehicle was released to the owner.

Mar. 18 – Safety Hazard – On the front drive, there was a report of a safety hazard as several students were seen crawling on Victor's Lament. The students were spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 18 – Lost Property – On

campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone and a black case.

Mar. 18 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 319 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Upon arrival, it was noted that it was not from a College owned residence. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued.

Mar. 19 – Found Property – In Robertson Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found wallet. A Campus Safety officer returned the wallet to the owner. The owner verified that all contents were intact.

Mar. 19 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

Mar. 19 – Found Property – In the football stadium, there was a found necklace and earring. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Mar. 19 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – On N. Leh St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A student was arrested for underage consumption. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 19 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. Leh St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. Allentown Police Department responded. A student was arrested for underage consumption. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 20 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall,

there was a report of trash throughout the building. There was paper and water bottles thrown around and water in the bathroom on the fourth floor. Housekeeping and Residential Services were notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Found Property – In Walz Hall, there was a report of a found change purse. The item was brought to Campus Safety and was later picked up by the owner.

Mar. 20 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Campus Safety officers spoke with the individuals and the group was dispersed. There was no further incident.

Mar. 20 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. The individuals were identified and will be given a Disruptive Conduct Report through both the College and Allentown. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 20 – Sick Student – In Eger Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. Allentown EMS also responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 20 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. The incident occurred at an off-campus location. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg

College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 20 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 20 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, it was found that the pull station was activated in the stairwell. The system was reset with no further incident. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 20 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. A beer funnel was found in a room. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence closet. The student gave a Campus Safety officer false information. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 21 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2201 Chew St., there was a report of a Muhlenberg College street sign found outside of the building during the fire alarm. The sign was brought to the Buildings and Grounds garage to be put back up. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 21 – Safety Hazard – Off campus, there was a report of a smell of gas at a student's off-

campus rental property. Allentown Fire Department responded. The cause of the smell was later identified as a leaky carburetor on a vehicle. There was no further incident.

Mar. 21 – Disorderly Conduct – At 2259 Turner St., building #1, there was a report of an intoxicated individual urinating outside. The student was identified. The case was then referred to the Dean of Students Office for further action.

Mar. 21 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students for further action.

Mar. 21 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. A Campus Safety officer took pictures of both vehicles and both parties exchanged information. There was no further incident.

Mar. 21 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Mar. 21 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of injured students that occurred during a motor vehicle accident the previous day.

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has risen that we have to look for every legitimate alternative. We have to fight fire with fire. And under somewhat analogous circumstances, Justice Jackson years ago when talking a civil liberties case said the constitution is not a "suicide pact." By analogy, you can't have a rule which obstructs governance. As important as healthcare is, it's even more important that you have a Congress which can function. And with all 4' Republicans saying no to healthcare in the Senate, 176-1 in the House against it, it's, I think, appropriate to use reconciliation.

Q: Jordan Power, Duquesne Duke. This is a big issue in Pittsburgh right now: would you support any legislation on tuition tax?

AS: No, I'm not in favor of a tuition tax. I think that would be very regressive and it would hit students who really ought to be encouraged to go to college and if you put a tax on making it more expensive you're going to discourage people from getting a higher education. And education is the secret to American competitiveness. I was glad to see the proponents of that tax move away from it. I think it's not a good thing to do and I'm glad to see that it's not going forward.

Q: Gretchen, again, from the University of Pittsburgh. What is your position on Obama's recent proposal to overhaul the federal student loan program? You mentioned that you had tried to increase the Pell grants...

AS: I think the increase in the Pell Grants are an excellent idea. When I chaired the education subcommittee, I took the lead on that. We increased them from \$2400 – they're now about \$5,500 now. And I think what President Obama has proposed on education generally is very sound. Modifying the legislation on No Child Left Behind.

Q: Matt Pearson from the Muhlenberg Weekly. What are your thoughts on the recent Supreme Court decision to give rights to corporations, basically allowing special interest groups to openly campaign for politicians?

AS: I think it's atrocious. I think that it will revolutionize and harm the whole

electoral process. Big corporations and special interests will be able to elect any congress they want. I think corporations are not people. People are people – not corporations and the Supreme Court the first amendment protects contributions and I think that's wrong, like Justice Stevens said. Our society, one person, one vote. Not to give to give the wealthy a giant megaphone. I think it could upset our entire electoral process. That's why I'm appealing to young Democrats to support my candidacy. Last Friday night in Philadelphia on a statewide of young Democrats, I was endorsed for the Democratic nomination. I went to Catholic University here in Washington last night talking to students and I think I've been to – well, I know I've been to every university on this list many times. I spoke at Scranton, made the commencement speech at Muhlenberg not long ago, talk a Pitt fairly often, been to Penn State many times, spoke at Dickinson, spoke at Duquesne, a graduate of Penn, spoken there many times. I think those establish some pretty good credentials for student support.

Q: Mike, Dickinsonian Newspaper. After the healthcare debate quiets down and after the economy begins to level out, what issue or issues do you plan to focus on and what would you like the Obama administration to focus on?

AS: Well, I think we need to reign in Wall Street. I think it was unacceptable that big banks, which are guaranteed by the federal government, engage in risky investment practices. I think that it's a bad practice when big brokerage houses make recommendations to their clients and then they take those same items and sell them short which is, in effect, betting against them. I think beyond Wall Street reform, I think we have to have immigration reform. We have to have a sensible immigration policy which encourages visas for smart people with PhD's who want to come to the United States. We have to deal in a fair, humane way with the 12 million undocumented immigrants to get them out of the shadows where they can contribute. If they're criminals, you can deport them. But you can't deport 12 million people.

AS: Let's see, 14 questions in 30 minutes... I didn't filibuster at all, guys and gals.

Life!

"Your life is what your thoughts make it."

- Marcus Aurelius

Students perform *An American Tragedy*

BY JERALD KAPLAN
LIFE WRITER

A group of the College's theater students got to do something this week that few college actors — or actors anywhere, for that matter — ever get to do.

They presented the world premiere of a new musical by a Broadway legend.

Charles Strouse, the Tony Award-winning composer of the scores for "Annie," "Bye Bye Birdie," and other standards of the American musical theatre, has adapted Theodore Dreiser's classic novel "An American Tragedy" for the stage. The premiere performance was presented this Wed, Mar 24, on the stage of the Baker Theatre and featured a cast of more than 30 students.

The play continues through Sun, Mar 28. Performances are at 8 p.m. through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sat and Sun. Students can attend Fri's performance for just \$4.

The production is the result of months of collaboration between Strouse and the show's co-directors, veteran Broadway director and choreographer Barbara Siman and the College's own Charles Richter, Director of Theater for the Department of Theater and Dance. The process of developing the show included a staged reading of the piece this fall and continued with intensive stage rehearsals this spring. The collaborations have inspired significant changes to the score.

"There's no map," said Siman of the development process. "We need to find our own road. We have been exploring the intent of the piece — the reality and the unreality of the show."

Having college students work on a world premiere musical only enhances the already unique nature of the process, she said.

"What I like is that I am exploring the material with young people who, like these

characters, face significant choices," Siman said.

Based on a true 1906 murder investigation that created public media frenzy, "An American Tragedy" tells the compelling story of Charley Griffin (Scott Parkinson, '10), a young man seeking independence from a repressed small town life, finds himself seeking work at his uncle's factory. While there, Charley becomes romantically involved with Roberta Brown (Allison Lobel, '10), a naive factory worker. At the same time, Charley also finds that he is becoming increasingly interested in the beautiful Leslie Cranston (Rachel Clausen, '13). As Charley strives for success in the factory, his ambitions get the best of him, leading to tragic consequences.

Parkinson has the challenging task of embracing the young man who is facing temptation for the first time in his life.

"I want audiences to appreciate the class disparity, the personal sincerity, and the lack of life experience in Charley," said Parkinson. "Events spiral out of his control before he can devise a plan to save himself."

The show features lyrics by Strouse and Lee Adams and an original book by David Shaber, with revised book and lyrics by playwright Mark St. Germain. Musical director Vincent Trovato has created new orchestrations for the musical. The project is made possible by the support of the Dexter F. and Dorothy H. Baker Foundation.

"An American Tragedy" runs this Wed through Sat at 8 p.m. and on Saturday and

Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dorothy Hess Baker Theatre in the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance. Tickets are \$7 for College students, \$20 for adults, \$8 for patrons under 16. The production is not appropriate for children. Tickets can be purchased in the lower-level box office lobby in the Trexler Pavilion, by phone 484-664-3333, or online at muhlenberg.edu/depts/theatre.



Cast members of *An American Tragedy* sit in the Baker Theater during rehearsal

PHOTO BY SCOTT SNYDER

The TV graveyard: Is your show toast?

It's that time of the year again, and the networks have started to decide which television shows to cut and which ones to keep for another season. Below you will find an up-to-date list, per network, of what fate has in store for your favorite show. If your show is in the "Dead" column then it is already cancelled, my condolences. You'll have better luck with "In Limbo" where shows are preparing to be cancelled, or with "Alive" where shows stand a good chance of reaching those pearly gates of renewal. Finally there's "Heaven" where your shows are so safe, they've already been guaranteed another season on air.

ABC

Dead: *Hank*, *Lost*, and *Ugly Betty*.

In Limbo: *Better Off Ted*, *The Deep End*, *FlashForward*, *The Forgotten*, *Scrubs*, and *V*.

Alive: *The Bachelor*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *Castle*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Grey's Anatomy*, and *Private Practice*.

Heaven: *Cougar Town*, *The Middle*, and *Modern Family*.

CBS

Dead: *Three Rivers*.

In Limbo: *Accidentally on Purpose*, *Medium*, *New Adventures of Old Christine*, and *Rules of Engagement*.

Alive: *Criminal Minds*, *CSI: Las Vegas*, *CSI: Miami*, *CSI: New York*, *Gary Unmarried*, *Ghost Whisperer*, *The Mentalist*, *NCIS*.

Heaven: *The Amazing Race*, *The Big Bang Theory*, *The Good Wife*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *NCIS: Los Angeles*, *Survivor*, and *Two and a Half Men*.

FOX

Dead: *Dollhouse*.

In Limbo: *24*, *Brothers*, *Human Target*, *Past Life*, and *Til Death*.

Alive: *American Idol*, *House*, and *Lie to Me*.

Heaven: *American Dad*, *Bones*, *The Cleveland Show*, *Family Guy*, *Fringe*, *Glee*, and *The Simpsons*.

NBC

In Limbo: *Heroes*, *Mercy*, *Trauma*.

Alive: *The Biggest Loser*, *Celebrity Apprentice*, *Chuck*, and *Law & Order: SVU*.

Heaven: *30 Rock*, *Community*, *Friday Night Lights*, *Law & Order*, *The Office*, and *Parks & Recreation*.

The CW

In Limbo: *Life Unexpected*, *Melrose Place*, and *One Tree Hill*.

Heaven: *90210*, *America's Next Top Model*, *Gossip Girl*, *Smallville*, *Supernatural*, and *The Vampire Diaries*.

So take a close look at these lists and if your shows haven't yet been cancelled, cross your fingers and hope for a renewal. If your shows have already been renewed, jump for joy, wait with bated breath for the fall to roll around, and get ready to set your DVR's for the new season.

Courtesy of Matthew Pearson

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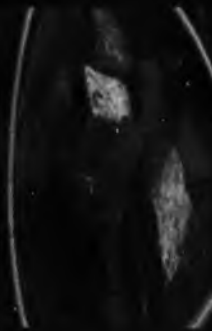
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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Hey there, Muhlenberg; I hope you all had a good spring break!

Now that you've had a week to recuperate (and another week to recuperate from spring break itself), it's back to the old grind. It can be stressful to get back into the swing of things, but do not be discouraged! Feel free to send any problems or concerns to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072.

Advice of the week:

It is just about time to start thinking about your courses for next semester. Take the time now to schedule an appointment with your advisor(s) to go over your requirements and get some feedback on suggested options. Advisors are there to help you, so utilize them! In the real world, you won't have an academic advisor to point the way, so be sure to use them to your advantage.

In your mailboxes you all should receive a General Academic Requirement Checklist from the assistant registrar. Look over it, making sure all of your past classes have been properly accounted for. According to the Registrar, the fall 2010

course schedule will be available on Capstone on Wed, Mar 31. Registration times are as follows: Juniors: Mon, Apr 12; Sophomores: Wed and Thurs, Apr 14 and 15; Freshmen: Mon and Tues, Apr 19 and 20.

On March 31, start looking up some of the requirements you need using Capstone's handy sorting method, and make a list of several possible schedules that best fit your lifestyle, requirements, and major. You will want to make several schedules, because some of the more popular classes tend to get filled quickly, and you'll want some alternatives. Be sure not to overlook morning classes just because you don't want to be awake before noon! Choose a class based on your interest in the subject more than anything else. You could surprise yourself by taking a class just for a requirement, and find you want it to be part of your focus!

Be sure to take some time for yourself to sit and go over what you want out of Muhlenberg. It's your life, and you are the one with the final say in how your life plays out. Take advice you want to take, and don't let anything push you into a class or major you really aren't excited about. Do what is best for you, and you alone. You are your main priority.

Write for Life!

Do you enjoy going to campus events?
Do you have time to write about them?

Contact Melissa Roth at mr237786@muhlenberg.edu

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Mar. 25

1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 9 am-9 pm

2) Sound in Space art exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8 pm

3) Writers at Work Present Marie Howe in Miller Forum from 7:30 pm-9 pm

4) *An American Tragedy* in the Baker Theatre from 8 pm-11 pm

Fri. Mar. 26

1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 9 am-9 pm

2) Sound in Space art exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8 pm

3) *An American Tragedy* in the Baker Theatre from 8 pm-11 pm

4) A Capella Remix in the Red Door from midnight-1 am

5) TV Babysitter with opening act "Time Columns" in the Red Door from 10 pm-midnight

Sat. Mar. 27

1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 9 am-9 pm

2) Sound in Space art exhibit in the Martin Art Gallery from noon-8 pm

3) *An American Tragedy* in the Baker Theatre from 2 pm-5 pm and 8 pm-11 pm

4) Scott McKenna in Seegers Lobby from 10 pm-midnight

Sun. Mar. 28

1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube in the Center for the Arts Galleria from 9 am-9 pm

2) *An American Tragedy* in the Baker Theatre from 2 pm-5 pm

3) Gym Class Hereos concert in Memorial Hall from 7 pm-midnight

AMC Weekend Listings



Alice in Wonderland

Fri. 4:05, 6:50, 9:40

Sat. 4:05, 6:50, 9:40

Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:50

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

Hot Tub Time Machine

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50

How to Train Your Dragon

Fri. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Sun. 1:15, 4:40, 7:20

Remember Me

Fri. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Sat. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:10

She's Out of My League

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20

Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20

Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 8:00

Alice in Wonderland magically excites viewers

BY RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

was re-creating Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* I knew it wasn't going to be your conventional story of Alice going down the rabbit hole.

With an all star cast of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman, Crispin Glover, Michael Sheen and others I knew this film was going to be unlike anything anyone had seen before. Filling all my expectations, Tim Burton's

Alice in Wonderland was great! I loved every minute of it. I did, however, never get over the new minor role of one of my favorites, the Cheshire Cat, who seemed to fill

Tim Burton isn't your typical director but is one of my favorites; so when I heard he

Dreary and nightmarish, its new appearance is befitting the circumstances of the new story line Tim Burton explores.

the original Disney film constantly. Burton decided to present some of my personally less exciting characters in more major roles and of course give star billing to his Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp) who was phenomenal.

With a new quirkiness to all his inhabitants of Wonderland the talented director's vision proved an incredible new fascinating fantasy.

Unlike *Avatar* where the 3D certainly made the movie and Pixar's *UP* where it gave the environment depth, the fact that the film was in 3D didn't add anything to it, but it didn't take away from it either.

As for new actress Mia Wasikowska, she made a great

Alice with gorgeous pale skin, beautiful facial pout, and her overall somewhat childish appearance. The only downside was her unexpressive eyes; they were as lifeless as Wonderland.

Maybe on Burton's *Wonderland* she wasn't wrong because it isn't our normal illusion of the charming, crazy and colorful spectacle that is displayed in earlier adaptations. This once magical place is now dismal and gloomy, so when you see it for the first time you are just as confused as Alice. Dreary and nightmarish, its new appearance is befitting the circumstances of the new story line Tim Burton explores. In Carroll's *Wonderland*, a small girl experiences the wonder of it all first hand. Looking for a second chance, our older Alice returns to a new twist on a classic story of following the white rabbit.

Agree, disagree, or agree to disagree?

BY RYAN HABER
LIFE WRITER

Oscar's presents conflict as to whether I address the 4 ½ hour made for TV spectacle or drive my attention to the results of the Academy Award winners. I'm going for the latter, because my focus has never been on hairstyles and gowns. It leaves room for my personal opinions about films to agree, or disagree?

Disagree! The majority of the sound awards to *The Hurt Locker*. We know those bombs are going to go boom and timing is critical but when sound becomes such an integral part of telling a story as in James Cameron's *Avatar*, hands down that's what the award is about. *Avatar* may have been visually stunning and captivating but the music for me is what masterfully married two forms of expression together.

Disagree! Sandra Bullock winning Best Actress? I am not saying she didn't deserve it for an effective performance, but I feel that the award should have

Writing a review of the

gone to the more powerful performance of Gabourey Sidibe in *Precious*. Though the category encompassed a wonderful mix of new and seasoned actresses, as a newcomer her seemingly natural delivery of such an emotional narrative deserved the Oscar.

Agree! Kathryn Bigelow winning Best Director for *The Hurt Locker* which also won Best Picture. She successfully directed a constant, incredible adrenaline rush that maybe gave 20 minutes of peace, if that. Heightened anxiousness! Though many have shared the mental and physical impact of war with us before, this was an exemplary illustration of an every second threat whirling in a world of camouflage and sand. "The rush of battle is often a potent and lethal addiction for war is a drug." (Chris Hedges) This quote from the beginning of the film perfectly describes *The Hurt Locker* and the battles both personal and political, that are contained within the film. Though the nominated great films of *Avatar*, *Precious*, and all the others also

delivered, *The Hurt Locker* just contained that certain edge to rise above. A specific realness delivered by actors, screenwriter and director went beyond.

Agree! Christoph Waltz for Best Supporting Actor in *Inglourious Basterds*. Waltz was superb with his flashy smile and delivery of quick and catchy lines. He was a smart, relentless, politically driven Nazi. Amidst a film of constant throat slashing, shootings and explosions, the almost "sick" sense of humor of the superbly acted Waltz presented a character that people usually abhor but we learned to love to hate. Totally deserving of the recognition, this award belonged to no one else.

While I can agree that Jeff Bridges is a great actor, I can't agree or disagree with his performance in *Crazy Heart* since I didn't have the chance to see the movie. As for Mo'Nique in *Precious*, no one else could've done a better job. Her role was not only heartbreaking to watch, but it was so real it made the film that much harder to take in. I don't think anyone

else should've taken home her award.

I am in total agreement with *UP* winning for Best Animation and Best Original Score. *UP* was funny and creative, and the use of 3D for that movie made it even more exceptional. Though I am not a particular fan of 3D movies, *UP* was extremely pleasing to my eye. Effectively the 3D aspect was used to create dimension to the background of the film rather than everything popping out at you. The characters created for the movie had such a creative realness to them. They were alive in their animated environment. The score for the movie is one that was so catchy and fit so well into the film that it still continues to stick in my head. It was a film I will continue to watch over and over again. I will pull it from my archives years later for a little love story that grabbed my heart coupled with animated fun.

A great fan of the media it produces, the TV audience has a chance to share in recognizing talents and become a part of exactly how much goes into its creation.

Red Cliff opens at Civic Theatre of Allentown

BY MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

Starting Fri. Mar. 19 through Thurs. Mar. 25, the epic war story set in the final days of the Han Dynasty *Red Cliff* will be shown at the Allentown Civic Theatre, which is proud to offer to the citizens of the Lehigh Valley the best of foreign, independent, art house, and documentary films.

Directed by John Woo, *Red Cliff* was one of Asia's biggest films, having received five Hong Kong film awards and high praises, even in the United States. Scott Foundas of the Village Voice says of the movie, "Watching *Red Cliff* feels like being in the presence of gods who have momentarily deigned to walk upon the earth."

Red Cliff is the first part of a two-part series which tells the story of an epic battle fought during China's Three Kingdoms period. It begins in 208 A.D. with Prime Minister Cao Cao shrewdly convincing Emperor Han that the only way to unite China was to declare war on the Xu and East Wu kingdoms in the west and south, respectively. With the approval for war, the Prime Minister led a military campaign of unprecedented scale. Facing defeat, the Xu and East Wu formed an unlikely alliance. The war consisted of battles of strength and wit, both on land and water, and culminated in the battle of Red Cliff, where two thousands ships were burned and Chinese history was changed forever.

Movie times for *Red Cliff* are: Fri. Mar 19 at 10:00 pm, Sat. Mar 20 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm, Sun. Mar 21 at 1:00 and 4:30 pm, and Mon-Thurs. Mar 22-25 at 7:30 pm.

Civic's 19 Street Theatre is located at 527 N 19 Street in Allentown. Free parking is available along Liberty and Allen streets.

For more information call 610-432-0888 or visit www.civictheatre.com.

Civic Theatre School presents Annie Junior

BY MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

The Civic Theatre School of the Allentown Civic Theatre is proud to present two productions for 2010: *Annie Junior* and *Scrambled States of America*. The cast is exclusively made up of students from the Winter 2010 session of the Civic Theatre School.

Annie Junior features all the favorite characters and songs, such as "It's a Hard Knock Life" and "Tomorrow" from the original show, along with an abundance of charm, music, and humor. The show, which tells the story of the little red-headed orphan who escapes from an orphanage, finds a stray dog, and lives with a caring billionaire, has entertained boundless amounts of people for over 30 years. During its original Broadway run, *Annie* earned seven Tony awards and was made into a feature-length film, starring Carol Burnett, Albert Finney, and Aileen Quinn.

Annie Junior, while maintaining the story of the original, is designed to have kids in every role. It features 9-year old August Fegley in the lead role. "It's so exciting to be playing Annie!" she said of her role.

As a bonus, the youngest members of the school get the chance to perform an adaptation of Laurie Keller's book, *Scrambled States of America*. The Civic Theatre School has special permission to adapt the book into a stage show.

Annie Junior will run from Mar 19 through Mar 27 in Civic's 19 Street Theatre. *Scrambled States of America* will be featured on Mar 19 and Mar 20.

Showtimes are: Fri, Mar 19 at 7:00 pm, Sat, Mar 20 at 1:00 pm, Fri, Mar 26 at 6:00 pm, and Sun, Mar 27 at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Free parking is available along Liberty and Allen streets.

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Gone "Fishing"

BY GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

In the minds of Senior Dan Fischer and Junior Joe DiCecilia, Berg baseball should play St. John Fisher more often. In the weekend three-game set with the Cardinals,

Fischer and DiCecilia combined to go 15 for 24 with 12 RBIs as the Mules battled tooth and nail with the Empire 8 Conference foe. In the Friday matchup at Diamond Nation in Flemington, New Jersey, DiCecilia highlighted a strong offensive attack with only the third cycle in the College's Baseball history. Junior Left Fielder, Jeff Puklin also contributed with the bat going 3 for 5 and knocking in 2 of the 11 'Berg runs. The game provided considerable drama as the Mules battled back from a 6 run deficit to tie the game heading into the late innings. In the end however, the Mules came up short again the Cardinals who plated 13 runs, two of which came in the top of the ninth.

The Saturday morning game, provided much less offense as both starting pitchers, St. John Fisher's Dan Jurkin and 'Berg's Senior Chris Harper shutout the opposition through the third inning. In the top of the fourth however, the Cardinals drove in three runs sparked by a leadoff triple from Senior First Baseman Jon Gibbs.

The Mules answered in the bottom of the fifth as Eric Pomroy and Joe DiCecilia both drove in a run with singles to rightfield. The game stayed 3 to 2 until St. John Fisher tacked on two more runs in the top of the seventh inning. Even with the valiant complete game pitching effort by Chris Harper, the Mules dropped the second of three games by a score of 5 to 2.

In the finale of the series, the Mules were able to break through and find their groove as they topped the Cardinals by a score of 10 to 8. The action started early as DiCecilia homered in the second to continue his sizzling weekend. St. John Fisher answered in the fourth and then again in the fifth as the Mules' offense hit a funk

through the middle innings. Then, in the bottom of the seventh, with the score 5 to 1, 'Berg plated 3 runs to help close the deficit to one run. The runs came courtesy of no other than Joe DiCecilia and his bases clearing triple to centerfield. With momentum on the Mule's side, Freshman Ryan Rechten pitched a perfect top of the eighth inning and put the bats right back in the hands of the home team.

In the bottom of the eighth, the flood gates opened as Junior Bobby Spindler hit a one-out double to centerfield and then advanced to third base on a wild pitch. After Clint Lynch was hit by a pitch, Freshman Outfielder Steve Alfano singled to drive home Spindler. Up next was Dan Fischer, who doubled, bringing Lynch around to score. With the score 6 to 5, the Mules were not finished, adding a total of four more runs in the inning, all of which were unearned.

With a comfortable lead, Coach Corey Goff brought in Dan Fischer to shut the door on St. John Fisher. Interestingly enough, it was not the first time Fischer had entered the game as a pitcher. In a rare move, Fischer also pitched part of the sixth inning before going back to his position at shortstop. After a small rally by the Cardinals, Fischer recorded the last out of the game with a fly out to rightfield.

It was a positive way to end what was a long and hard fought three game series. For pitcher Ryan Rechten, the win was especially memorable because it was the first in his college pitching career. Also of note, with his efforts this weekend, DiCecilia was named the Centennial Conference Co-Player of the Week.

At 6-7 overall, the Mules look to begin conference play this week with two games against both Swarthmore and Gettysburg. It will be an important week for the team as they look to take the upper hand in what is shaping up to be a very competitive conference. Come out and support the team on Friday, as they play their only home game of the weekend.

'Berg Softball has rocky start, future looks promising

BY VALERIE PATRIARCA
SPORTS WRITER

Berg's Women's Softball team (4-5), comprised of 15 dedicated players (8 being

freshmen) may be young, but are determined as a team to dominate the field just as they did last season. Last year the team went 19-18 overall and 12-4 in the CC conference which was a stark contrast to two years prior when they failed to even make an appearance in the championship. After reaching new grounds, the team is set on not falling back.

Berg certainly did prove themselves as they fought through 7 games during their pre season in sunny Florida.

In the Mule's first game against Rensselaer, Junior Pitcher Ashley Brewer threw one of only eight "no-hitters" in College history. Brewer claims that she simply, "mixed up" her pitches trying to keep the other team, "off balance."

In its next two games in Florida, the mules put up a rough fight, but ended up losing both games in their first double header of the season.

The first game played against Washington, a regular at the NCAA's, did not go as well as the Mule's had wished. Even though Senior Jenna Van Waalwijk, a first team all-conference and all-region player, hit a two-run homer in the third to bring the score to 3-1 mules, Berg could not hang on to the lead. Rensselaer scored 7 runs in the fourth inning and ended the game with a whopping 10 runs making the score a 10-3 final.

The next game that day against Muskingum did not pan out much better. Though the Mules fought extremely hard for the lead, Muskingum ended up with the 11-9 win.

Looking forward to the beginning of this season, the Mules have had a rocky start, but are hopeful that they will be able to pull through with the help of focus and

practice.

In their home opener, the Women's team did not perform as they had hoped coming off a winning streak in Florida. The Mules offense seemed to be lacking as they ended their first game, and did not pick up during their second. The outcome was a sweep by Drew, 3-0 and 1-0. Only six hits were recorded out of the two games which was a stark contrast to the amount of hits they acquired during their Florida games. There was a bit of light in the darkness: Junior Alyssa Bruckner allowed only five hits and one run in the second game.

In response to their rocky start this season, Sophomore Brittany Blohm believes that with a little focus the Mules will be able to dominate their future competitors; "We started off strong (in Florida). We hit as a team, made contact with the ball. But now that we are in season we are more nervous and less confident in the box, but with more practice we will come around."

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A Myriad of Mule Merits

BY ALEX KOSSAR
SPORTS EDITOR

As the winter athletic seasons came to exciting ends for all of the College's various sports teams, awards for both academic and athletic prowess have been pouring in for our student athletes.

Junior Track and Field standout Bobby Torphy was presented with a prestigious NCAA Elite 88 award at the Division III Indoor Championship banquet at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. This award is presented to one student athlete in recognition of boasting the highest cumulative grade-point average of all students competing at the final of each of the NCAA's 88 championships. This accolade augments Torphy's already impressive resume as a student athlete, having won additional academic awards including Academic All-America and Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll recognition in previous seasons.

Senior Perennial Track and Field powerhouse Alex Faust earned All-America honors for the second time in her illustrious athletic career as a Mule. Placing 6th among the top pole-vaulters from across the country, Faust became the first athlete in program history to receive All-America honors for both indoor and outdoor track in the same event. Already a seven-time Centennial Conference champion in the pole vault, Faust will attempt to gain more renown in her final season as a Berg athlete this spring.

Subsequent to the culmination of two very impressive winter seasons, the College's men's and women's basketball team earned a total of three all-region picks, as determined by D3hoops.com. Sophomore Guard Alexandra Chili was selected to the All-Mid-Atlantic Region second team in recognition of her impressive statistics. Scoring 17.4 points per game, Chili amassed 471 points over the course of the season, which ranked her third among the rest of the Centennial Conference. Chili also led the Centennial Conference in three-pointers per game, with 2.85.

Junior Guard Kelly McKeon joined Chili on the All-Mid-Atlantic Region team, leading the Mules in virtually every statistical category. McKeon averaged 7.3 rebounds, 4.5 assists, 2.3 steals, and 13.1 points per game, ranking her in the CC top ten in scoring, rebounding, assists, and steals. With a prolific 2.02 assist-to-turnover ratio, McKeon led the Centennial Conference and was ranked 11th in Division III as a whole. In recognition of her statistical dominance in the Centennial Conference, McKeon was selected not only as CC player of the year, but as Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Co-Player of the Year as well.

For men's basketball, Sophomore Forward Spencer Liddic was selected to the All-Mid-Atlantic Region third team, leading the Mules in both points and rebounds per game, with 15.2 and 10.4 respectively. In addition, Liddic blocked a staggering 35 shots over the course of the season. Liddic led the Centennial Conference in rebounding and is currently ranked 20th in Division III for his board-grabbing efforts.

The Centennial Conference recently named three College athletes as Player of the Week. For men's lacrosse, Senior Captain Matthew Schroeder was recognized for his role in a 7-6 overtime win against Washington College. Schroeder led a Mule defense that allowed only three even-strength goals against a team that, prior to this game, had not been held to less than 11 goals in 8 meetings. In addition, Schroeder scooped up four ground balls for the Mules, contributing to his phenomenal 4.50 ground balls per game.

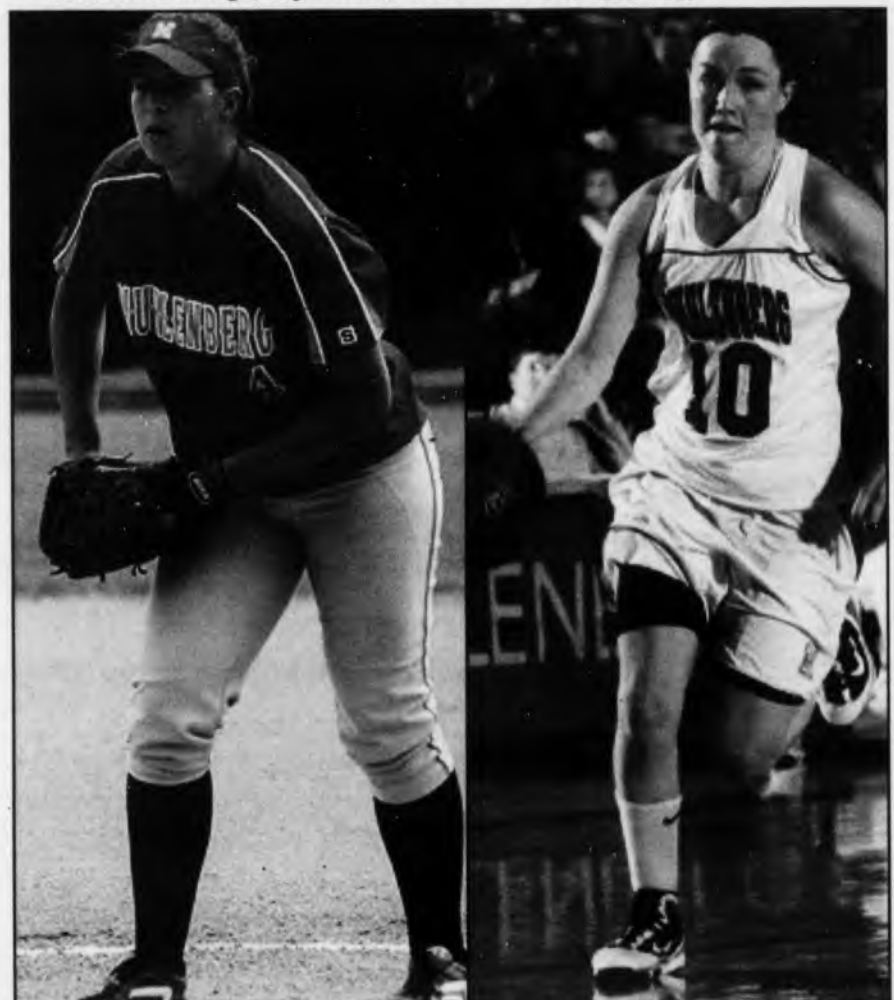
Junior Pitcher Ashley Brewer also earned Centennial Conference Player of the Week honors for her efforts against Lesley and Northwestern. Brewer pitched two complete games in these meetings, throwing 3-hitters in each. In the Lesley game, Brewer pitched a shutout while recording 12 of 15 outs single-handedly, both through pitching at fielding. Against Northwestern, Brewer saw more success allowing only one run, while also amassing a career-high 11 strikeouts.

Junior Joseph DiCecilia took home Centennial Conference Player of the Week honors by becoming the first Mule in 56 years to hit for the cycle against St. John Fisher, and only the third Mule to achieve the feat in the College's history. Just one day after, DiCecilia was an integral component of his team's comeback against St. John Fisher in the second game of a double-header in which he smashed a three-run triple in the seventh inning.

23 Mules were recognized for their efforts not only for their athletic prowess, but for their efforts in the classroom as well. Athletes representing three different winter sports were cited for their merits via Academic Honor Roll. This award requires that the student-athlete recipient is a sophomore or higher in class standing, a starter or key reserve for his or her respective team, and that he or she maintains a 3.40 cumulative grade-point average. Congratulations to all of our winter student-athletes for their hard work and dedication.

In alphabetical order:

- Michael Baer, Sophomore, Track and Field, Biochemistry
- Alexis Bates, Senior, Basketball, Spanish/Business Administration
- Kim Bier, Junior, Track and Field, Business Administration
- Alexandra Chili, Sophomore, Basketball, Undeclared
- Jayne Condon, Senior, Track and Field, Business Administration
- Debra Crockett, Senior, Track and Field, Political Science/Business Administration
- Alex Faust, Senior, Track and Field, Dance/Business Administration
- Patrick Gibson, Sophomore, Wrestling, Political Science
- Andrew Henry, Sophomore, Track and Field, Undeclared
- Hayley Krieger, Senior, Track and Field, French/Spanish
- Matt Lauletti, Junior, Track and Field, Biology
- Spencer Liddic, Sophomore, Basketball, Business Administration/Finance
- Jennifer Lynch, Senior, Track and Field, Business Administration/Accounting
- Kelly McKeon, Junior, Basketball, Business Administration/Political Science
- Janelle Mentrikoski, Senior, Track and Field, Psychology
- Nicolette Miller, Sophomore, Track and Field, Media and Communication
- Hannah Mitchell, Junior, Track and Field, Psychology
- Jake Ramsay, Sophomore, Basketball, Film Studies/Media and Communication
- Katy Rossino, Sophomore, Basketball, Finance/Accounting
- Bill Ryan, Senior, Track and Field, Biology
- Bobby Torphy, Junior, Track and Field, Biochemistry
- Melissa Ugelow, Sophomore, Track and Field, Biochemistry
- Kimberlee Yalango, Sophomore, Track and Field, Psychology



Above left: Junior Ashley Brewer has been selected as co-player of the week based on 3-1 with a 2.47 ERA and 32 strikeouts; Above right: Junior Kelly McKeon amassed multiple awards for her performance this past season.



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Mike Bruckner's last stand

BY FOXY CLEOPATRA
BACK-UP EDITOR

General
John Peter
Gabriel

Muhlenberg has stood in his bronzed glory on the College front lawn for years. His accomplishments in his time were highly praised, both on the military and political fronts and as a father of six children.

These days, however, encountering a student who is familiar with the General's full name, let alone his accomplishments, is an extreme rarity. The former celebrity has become as dulled as his bronze coating. After a series of meetings lead by President Helm, the College staff and students unanimously agreed to use the rest of the money left in the Talents Entrusted to Out Care fund to create a new statue, one which every passerby would recognize: Mike Bruckner.

Bruckner, who is famous for the daily "Berg Bulletin" emails, has recently surpassed his typical fame after sending out numerous Campus Crime Notices and declaring two snow days in a row, an unprecedented event that had students celebrating.

During his recent stint as a judge of the annual Mr. Muhlenberg competition, the student body frequently chanted his name in lieu of cheering on any of the contestants, screaming their thanks for the snow days. Mike Bruckner had clearly become the most popular man on campus.

This past Monday, the day that he was scheduled to pose for the sculptor, Bruckner met with President Helm on the front lawn for a last look at the bronzed General Pete. Bruckner and Helm had hoped to settle a dispute over the general's sword; Bruckner believed it to be hiding behind the general's cape, while our President was convinced that some hooligans had broken off the sword some time ago.

Unfortunately for Bruckner, the statue proved him correct. General Pete, apparently in a last-ditch effort to uphold his position as the College's biggest celebrity, sprang to life, whipped out his sword (that's what she said), and challenged the famous Mike to a duel.

Apparently un-phased by the inanimate



Mike Bruckner (1848 - 2010).

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object suddenly coming to life, Bruckner jumped at the challenge, and whipped out a sword of his own. (Why the Berg Bulletin com-poser was

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Food Fight

BY ANASTASIA BEAVERHOUSEN
GREENING INITIATIVE HEAD

As most of you know, the College's food contract with Sodexo will be up at the end of this school year. In preparation, President Helm has begun a massive plan to face the impending decision. Helm, along with several members of the administration and students, have made numerous surprise trips to area colleges and universities to taste their food and meet with their representatives. All in the name of making an informed decision about who the College's next food provider should be.

This group of taste tasters has narrowed it down to three top contenders: McDonalds, Panera Bread, or "just let the students fend for themselves." In a rare burst of journalistic ambition, The Weekly has managed to snag an early copy of their report, set to be revealed to the student body this summer. The report said that McDonalds has a wide variety of foods, from dollar menu burgers and fries to salads that will appeal to all students. And the college already has enough grills and fryers to make a smooth transition to the McDonald's menu.

On the other hand, Panera Bread has even more of a variety. From flatbread pizzas, to soups, to sandwiches, to freshly baked breads there will be something for everyone. Some local colleges have already adapted Panera's menu to their dining halls with great success.

Lastly, letting students find their own food options is another great choice. It will adequately prepare students for the real world, forcing them to learn how to cook and shop for themselves. One major drawback is that not all students have cars on campus to go to the super market. Shuttle Steve would have to increase his hours. The administration is also rumored to be unhappy with the idea of students making their own selections.

To vote, go to www.muhlenberg.edu/that'swhatsheaid.com.

Campus Safety Give Away

BY RIDER LONG
OFFICE NIGHT WATCHMAN

Campus Safety has been so overwhelmed with lost and found items that they can barely hold them all in the lockers and they need all the space they can get.

So, next week, Campus Safety will hold its first ever Give Away. The lost and found lockers are filled with some of the finest 'Berg quality items that have been lost over time.

One item is the rigged basketball hoop. Bob Bradshaw from the basketball team, a main suspect in the removal of the item from the gym, took it down because he kept getting rimshots and could never get his balls in the basket (that's what she said!).

Another found item is a piece of glassware used for vegetable matter smokage. Stoner Steve, the owner of the piece, reported the theft after someone commented on the white and creamy smoke that came out of it, causing immense satisfaction (that's what she said!). Another found item being given away is confiscated beer from last night that had a lot of head on top (that's what she said!).

After being asked why Campus Safety officers are giving away all of the confiscated items, one officer said that the late night crew was having way too much fun with them. One object of particular satisfaction has been a blow up doll taken from a freshman. The odd thing about the doll, is that it is in the shape of a mule, affectionately named Maria.

The give away is first come, first served (that's what she said!) and will take place on Friday at 5:00pm.

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Happy April, Fools.

So just in case you missed the disclaimer on the front page, or the different colored header, or the APRIL FOOL'S on the top of every page, this issue is completely, entirely, totally, and cover-to-cover FICTION. This would include falsehoods, potentially bad jokes, pranks, "that's what she said's" (which are included in every article), fake deaths, 'whore'-o-scopes (that are not to be followed, unless you want to write a sex column about it later), et cetera.

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*Happy April
Fool's Day!*

On that note, names and bylines are also fake, so if you feel the need to respond to one of our articles, yes, you can and should address it to Barack Obama (or Snookie). Otherwise, feel free to laugh out loud at the preposterous nature of this issue, and please remember that it's all in good fun. Be sure to check out our list of some of the top April Fool's pranks ever pulled in our Life! section on page 9, just be sure to use them on someone with a good sense of humor. And be sure to expect something in return.

It is an annual tradition that the Weekly have an April Fool's issue, and this year we are lucky enough to have the issue come out exactly on April 1st. It is also tradition that, as a part of this issue, a prominent student, staff, or faculty member dies in some outlandish fashion. (We're sure most of you remember 2009 graduate Alex Lotorto's death last year, which he planned with us for our front page.) Of course, said student, staff, or faculty member has approved our antics in advance; we would never kill anyone without their permission, how rude!

Celebrity showdown

BY SNOOKIE
GUIDETTE

Stranding castaways on a deserted island, making a man choose between dozens of beautiful and fawning women, watching hair-gelled macho musclemen fist pump ratings to new heights - whatever the scheme, it's obvious that reality TV sells. With Sarah Palin and Levi Johnson shopping for their own shows, it seems as if everyone (and their mothers) want to get in on the fast-track to stardom.

However, no show has yet managed to outshine this year's reality event of the season: "Celebrity Showdown." For those of you who have been living under a rock, imagine Celebrity Deathmatch minus the claymation characters. This is real-life drama played out for you, right on your \$2,000 flat-screen TV. Who needs to watch Johnny and Orlando sword-fighting it out amidst convoluted storylines and never-ending battle scenes when you can watch them in a head-to-head, winner-takes-all showdown?

That's exactly how the producers of this new reality experiment feel. Why differentiate between reality stars and A-list celebs any longer? Really, what's the difference between the Real Housewives of New Jersey and the scandalous lives of Hollywood's elite anyway?

The premise of "Celebrity Showdown" is simple: last one standing wins. There are no rules, no regulations. Celebs just need to take down their opponents by any means necessary.

For example, in the show's pilot episode that aired this past week, "Battle of the Talk Show Hosts," Tyra Banks was up against chef-turned-superstar, Rachel Ray. It seemed like Tyra had it in the bag after she impaled Rachel with one of her four-inch Louboutins, but Ray managed to win it all by presenting Banks with calorie-clogging food drenched in EVOO. It appeared that Tyra, unable to purge the mass of fat she consumed, decided to commit suicide rather than gain a pound.

If you think that's controversial, tune in next week to see the double-header of Elin Nordegren and Sandra Bullock versus the ultimate cheater husbands, Tiger Woods and Jesse James. My money's on the ladies for this one - payback's a bitch, boys. Some advice Tiger: Watch out for that club. You may not have a nice SUV to shield you from Elin's blow this time. (That's what she said).

Also this season, we have the world's most recognized authoresses, J.K. Rowling and Stephanie Meyer fighting

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Communist plan to destroy America

BY CLEETUS JOE BOB
RURAL PERSON

What is wrong with the U.S. of A. today? We've got children in Dover learning that our Lord and Savior did not create his world about 6000 years ago but rather that we came from chimps? I hear about schools teaching children that it's OK to be homosexual in the classroom!

They give them books about having two mommies and two daddies; they're even distributing homosexual fairy tales to kindergarten classrooms. We see a Muslim in the White House and atheist billboards instead of my favorite pro-life signs sponsored by my donations to Focus on the Family. We're opening our borders to all the illegal aliens who are stealing Americans' jobs. And whose fault is it? It's those darn communists, that's who!

It's not about "gay rights" or "homophobia." There's no such thing as "racism" or "privilege." These myths are the fabrication of the communists who have infiltrated our government, our churches, and even our great schools like the 'Berg.

They've been sent here to destroy traditional conservative, Western, and Christian values, taking us even closer to a socially Marxist society. Hundreds of thousands of people are dying in the

wars with the terrorists for our culture and way of life. They are stripping us of our God-given life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Where do these dirty commies hide? They hide in the African American Studies and the Women's Studies Departments. Colleges across the country are building these programs; millions of dollars are given to fund the end of America. All of these "studies" are branches of Critical Theory.

There's this big long history with the Frankfurt School essentially drawing on Marxism and Freud in the 1930's to create this theory called Critical Theory. I don't know much about history, so I'm just going to look at the big picture. A certain school of thought came out of the socialist Nazi Germany and infiltrated our beloved universities in New York City. You know that anything coming out of Germany in the 1930's must be Nazi, and therefore communist. It's the only logical deduction that we logical people can make.

This term Critical Theory is ingenious because it's not really much of a theory at all. All the theory says is to criticize; hence the Critical. The communists that subscribe to this theory critique Western culture, the capitalist order, differences in the opposite sexes, and even the differences between black people and white

people.

It calls for the most destructive criticism possible in order to rip the moral fabric of America down. And to top it all off, they don't even give an alternative to these institutions.

There's one word those diabolical Marxists like to throw around: deconstruction. Through deconstructing our language, they are robbing us of our liberties to hate minorities and control our women (not that I'm saying that I do, but Americans deserve that right). They've got our scholars convinced that Shakespeare is about the suppression of women, and the Bible is really about race and gender! As you can see, you can follow the cookie crumbs from America's degradation all the way back to Soviet Union and cultural Marxism.

The tyranny of political correctness is a direct effect of Critical Theory. Girls are walking out of Dr. Richmond's Women Studies classes demanding that we stop calling them "girls" and call them "women." It's my right as a man to call girls whatever I want! The 1st Amendment to our most sacred text (besides the Bible, of course) says that we have the liberty to say whatever we want.

How about those brainwashed students coming out of the African American Studies class? Rather than "slaves," they are telling us that we should call the

people that were captured in Africa and forced to work as "enslaved Africans!" I don't have time to say both of those words when everyone knows what I'm talking about when I say "slave."

If this totalitarianism continues, America is going to become a nation with socialized healthcare, homosexuals teaching children, and atheists in our government. There's only way to stop this madness: we must cut the College's Women's Studies program and African American Studies Department.

Normally I'm totally against putting pressure on the school to change something, because that might come off as "progressive." But this problem is just too big to ignore any longer. It's time for action (That's what she said).

I propose we cut all funding from the African American Studies Department and the Women's Studies program. Not only will this save the College money in this tough economy, but it will put the College on the righteous path back to the good ol' days.

The days we could arrest people for being communists, keep homosexuals in mental institutions, and punish people for being un-American.

I leave you with a quote from the great Ronald Reagan: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

Tea Party 2010

BY PAUL REVERE
MINUTEMAN

The recent passage of the notorious healthcare bill was the final straw among Americans. Last week's political drama in Washington has ignited a level of opposition never seen before in the United States. President Obama and Congressional Democrats did not realize the powder-keg that had arisen in response to the healthcare debate. It seems as though the shouts calling for the repeal of the legislation have fallen on deaf ears in Washington. Today's Tea Party movement has moved into full swing and is ready for action. The Tea Party movement has been completely justified in its activity to demonstrate the dissatisfaction among the American people. Calling members of Congress and visiting their offices was a good, but largely ineffective, start. The time for fun and games was over (that's what she said).

Last week's march on the Capitol resulted in an entertaining, yet eye opening sight. The Tea Partiers physically dragged every member of Congress who voted for the healthcare bill out of their offices and in front of the Capitol. Each of these members was dressed in an orange jumpsuit and received a well deserved mug shot and booking for the crime of stealing from the tax payers.

So what would be the most appropriate punishment for these quacks? Well the Tea Partiers were prepared to show these members that we Americans mean business. Both the Senate and House office buildings were cleared out in order to allow the members and the Tea Partiers to share some alone time together. The price for voting for the healthcare bill was neither violent nor inhumane. Each of the members was forced to read the bill in its entirety aloud in the privacy of his or her office. They read in the presence of a few Tea Partiers without any of their staff. This is the only way to guarantee that they have truly read the legislation. This was certainly not an outrageous request of our elected representatives.

I will say that some of the Tea Partiers got a little carried away when they got a hold of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer. Pelosi, Reid, and Hoyer were escorted to the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, where they were tarred and feathered.

As the day progressed, reporters, camera crews, and interested crowds moved towards the Capitol. The tar and feathered Democratic leaders and the orange clad members were shown to the crowds.

As the Tea Party movement was doing its work in DC, another group of activists prepared an equally symbolic act in Massachusetts. Three modern day cargo ships were sailed into Boston Harbor with the permission of the captains and owners. A group of 100 or so Tea Partiers and enthusiastic supporters boarded the ships and dumped a few dozen shipping containers into the harbor. No actual goods were destroyed because this was meant to be more of a symbolic gesture. The sheer guts that the Tea Party members demonstrated was inspiring and motivating. It is not unreasonable to ask for proper and adequate representation in Congress. We sent them to the Capitol to work for us. The Tea Partiers are not radical but have given us insight into the normal swing of things, down in our capital. It doesn't appear to be a pretty sight.

FROM CELEBRITY | PAGE 2 it out. It's wizards versus vampires and werewolves, and I, for one, feel like this battle's too close to call. Then again, J.K. may have a slight advantage – if you've never been hit over the head with *The Order of the Phoenix*, you are one lucky, lucky person. Eight hundred and ninety six pages hurts a hell of a lot more than one may realize.

We also have the nefarious Captain Jack Sparrows against pretty-boy Will Turner (I'm hoping for a wash on this episode. Who wants to see Johnny or Orlando die?), boy-band has-beens Backstreet Boys versus N*Sync, and boys that sound like girls, Jesse McCartney versus Justin Bieber.

As for the finale, my hidden sources say that it will be the ultimate showdown: Edward versus Jacob in a super-natural, steamy monster face-off. Will the brooding Edward prove enough for Jacob's rippling muscles? I guess we'll just have to wait until May sweeps to find out. Sure, there have been drastic steps taken lately in the name of entertainment, but has all of it been taken to a dizzying level? Think about Jon & Kate Plus 8. What has "stardom" done to their family? Or, what about Newlyweds featuring Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson? Another marriage destroyed on national television. Are the fifteen minutes of fame worth the consequences?

We "real" people love to hate celebrities. Watching them make mistakes somehow makes us feel better about our seemingly insignificant and relatively boring lives. Seeing beautiful people fail can make us happy.

Sure, with all the starts fighting to the death, the unemployment rate in Hollywood has gone down – less celebs equals more opportunities for those left standing. But, what is our world without them?

I, for one, believe that this new program is in poor taste, especially after all the surprising and numerous recent deaths in Hollywood. Even if Michael Jackson's record sales went up after his untimely demise, we still don't have the King of Pop to hit those impossibly high notes and perform those inimitable dance moves.

It's wrong to exploit the deaths of celebrities – they're people too. Even if they have shiny cars and get \$40 million to play an angsty teen wizard finding "deathly hallows" (yes, I'm talking to you Daniel Radcliffe), it doesn't mean they should die for it. We should enjoy them for their contribution to the world of entertainment while we still can, because you never know when you'll go onto your Facebook newsfeed and see the next RIP (insert famous person here).

Unemployment!!!

BY WILLY FISTERBOTTOM
RESIDENT PROCTOLOGIST

Presently, 9.7% of the country is unemployed. That means that 1 in 10 people don't have a job. CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC all show depressing video of unemployment lines and hopeful jobseekers. What is wrong with these people? This depression is the best thing that could happen to a slacker like me. Every morning, I wake up, and I think: how great is this?

Whose hand should I shake? CNN is telling me to blame George W. Bush, while Fox News is telling me to blame Barack Obama. Blame? Don't blame, praise! This is fantastic. (That's what she said.) I really don't understand what the complaining is all about. Am I personally indebted to the incomparable George Bush and the government's policy of catering to big business and an overall disregard for regulating Wall Street? Or, am I indebted to Barack Obama's socialistic policies and irresponsible spending? If this is Obama's fault, he is certainly guaranteed to get my vote when his four years are up. How does everyone not understand the great opportunities this supposed economic crisis gives American slackers? When we graduate, we will be thrust out into an unfriendly world. Normally, I would be terrified, but with the present economic situation, there is nothing to worry about. Normally, graduating seniors would be courted by employers and would have to start working almost immediately. Listen, we have been working hard for four years. We need a break. Luckily, graduating seniors don't have to worry about going to work. Instead, they can relax. Let's lay out the possibilities. You're out of college. You get a job. Then you have to ask your boss if you can delay working until August so you can take that road trip you and your friends have been talking about since high school. Or, you're out of college. You don't get a job. You take your trip without any restrictions. Call me crazy, but I would certainly pick the latter. Now, we can go backpacking through Europe, drive cross country, and go to the South Pole to build that base tan.

You may ask me: What about money? My answer to you: Who needs money?

Our parents can take care of us for a few more years. If they happen to be laid off, no big deal. They can come on the road trip! Plus, with the new health care bill, we can be covered by their insurance until we're 26. We don't need to get our own jobs to get health care or money; we can just ride our parents' coattails for a few more years. If our parents get laid off, and they can't pay for my five-year vacation after four years of work, the government will just bail us out and subsidize our after college lives. They bailed out Big Business after all, so why wouldn't they help us out?

Thank God we went into Iraq and Afghanistan and bankrupted the country. When the United States went in, the country had a surplus. Now, we have the biggest deficit the country has ever seen. I may feel less safe than I did before we entered Afghanistan, but the terrorists can't get to me if I can't afford to leave my house.

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Nancy and I

BY BARACK OBAMA
PRESIDENT

Just yesterday I addressed the American people concerning rumors of a relationship between Nancy Pelosi and I. These rumors have been recently published on the front pages of gossip magazines like *US Weekly* and *Star*.

I would like to address these rumors further: I stand here today, not only as your President, but also as a fellow American citizen—a human, a father, and a husband. I wish to address an issue that is central to not only my future, but to the future of America—and that is the issue of Nancy Pelosi. I am not the first President to hide an affair—and I will probably not be the last. It has been nearly 13 years now since my fellow Democratic President Bill Clinton was first accused of cheating on Hillary with Monica Lewinsky.

Ever since, nearly every President and Congressmen, all Democratic, have attempted to cover up transgressions similar to President Clinton's and my own. Our collective failure to meet the challenge of good character—year after year, decade after decade—has led the American people to a breaking point of trust. Everyone understands the extraordinary hardships that are placed on the Democratic Party, who live every day just one vote away from losing the majority. We are the only democracy—the only advanced democracy on Earth and the only wealthy nation—that allows for such grotesque faults of character from its leaders.

Over a year ago, I stood before you humbled by the task before us, grateful

for the trust you had bestowed, mindful of the sacrifices borne by our ancestors.

America has prevailed because we chose to move forward as one nation, and one people. Again we are tested. And again we must answer history's call to accept my fault as a stepping-stone to our nation's success.

One year ago, I took office amid two wars, an economy rocked by severe recession, a financial system on the verge of collapse. And one year later, the worst of the storm has passed. So now I ask you, fellow American Citizens, for forgiveness. I have kept to my word, brought about a Health care bill that will drive this nation to imminent bankruptcy, and have continued to plaster my gorgeous celebrity face on every periodical that has sought me out.

My most urgent task upon asking for your forgiveness is to shore up the same woman who helped cause this crisis: Nancy Pelosi. And if there is one thing that is unified Democrats and Republicans, it's that we all hate Nancy Pelosi. I hate her. You hate her. She was about as popular as a root canal.

But when I ran for President, I promised I wouldn't just do what was popular—I would do what I thought would get me into the Presidency. If I had allowed myself to see reason, I would have allowed you to choose someone more worthy, and then I could not have proceeded to solve our nations problems over a tall glass of foreign beer with good' ole Crowley and Gates.

Because of these crucial steps that we took, there are about two million Americans fleeing the country to live in the Vir-

gin Isles as we speak, who would have otherwise been stripped of over half of their income to benefit this great nation.

There are stories like this all across America. And after two years of my reign in office, I guarantee there will be even more.

I know that I have not been as successful as some may have thought I would be; so tonight, I'm asking for your forgiveness so that we can move on from my faults, for the betterment of this country. But first I must start where most cheaters do—the truth.

Through sheer grit and determination, I believed that if I had Nancy, I had the office. I had weathered the streets of Chicago, and I was ready to grow. I knew that my transgression would be difficult to overcome, but I saw it as a means only to build the infrastructure for the future Americans of tomorrow. To encourage Nancy Pelosi to swing my way, I promised to finally support health care with more force and passion than she had ever seen, and I have held up that promise.

People were out of work, were hurting, and needed my help. I wanted to help them, and I wanted the Presidency without a struggle.

But the truth is, this transgression did not ease my mind. Though I have been everything you have asked and though the polls disagree, my success won't make up for my indiscretion. Though we cannot afford another publicity failure, you also cannot afford to lose me. From the day I took office, I have been told that addressing larger challenges, like my transgressions, in public are too ambitious—that such efforts would be

too contentious. I have been told that our society is too close-minded and that I should just put my indiscretion on hold for a while.

For those who make these claims, I have one simple question:

How long should we wait? How long should America put its imminent embarrassing future on hold? You see, Washington has been telling Nancy and I to wait for several months, even as the secret grows worse. Meanwhile, Nancy has bore my child under strict security. She cannot wait any longer. I am not waiting. And our child out of wedlock can no longer wait.

This is a complex issue, and the longer it was debated, the more skeptical it was becoming. I take my share of the blame, and I know Nancy takes hers. This process will leave most Americans wondering what's in it for them.

But I also know this problem is not going away. By the time I'm finished speaking tonight, more Americans will have lost their faith in me. Millions will lose it in a year. I will not walk away from my fellow Americans, and neither will Nancy.

As temperatures cool, I want everyone to take another look at my transgression. There is a reason why I should remain your President—a reason that I focus on at a much later date when the speech has been written, detailing which moves I am to make next.

Let's seize this moment—to start anew, to carry the dream forward, and to strengthen our union once more (that's what she said).

Thank you. God Bless America.



Calling all eligible bachelors!!!

Justin Bieber is looking for a 5'8 3/4, dark, and handsome R&B singer to attend the record release party for his new CD, "Justin Beaver", scheduled to be released in August.

Look for "Justin Beaver" in August!

Seegers renovations halted; no more money

BY I.P. FREELY
ADVOCATE DOUBLE AGENT

Construction has halted on the addition to Seegers Union. Due to budget cuts, President Helm has decided that this is the best decision for the community as a whole. "It's so hard" (that's what she said), he said. "But we don't want to have to get rid of anything more important to the school. We're just lucky that the construction is as far along as it is."

Administration and the board of trustees have been meeting all week to try to find an alternate solution. They asked the workers to continue the project for free, but the construction company denied the request without giving a reason. The administration wants to remind the financial backers that they cannot get their money back, and reassure them that the building will be put to some sort of use, even if it is not the one that was promised.

The building will stay in its current state. To utilize the space, cots will be placed in the unfinished addition to accommodate the surplus of incoming freshmen. This hall will be a barracks-style open room with everyone living together.

An added bonus is that Prosser will no longer be at the bottom of the totem pole, and will now be considered a luxurious freshman dorm. Extra cots will also be available in the addition for intoxicated students who cannot find their way back to their rooms in the middle of the night.

To deal with the surplus of students in the Garden Room that spurred the decision to create this addition, additional picnic tables will be placed on the front lawn as well as on the roof, conserving space. If it rains, these

tables will be delegated to freshmen boys as a way to force them to shower.

Student Government has been doing their best to try to recover enough funds to restart construction. Students picketed Hillel during Friday night Shabbat, requesting that Hillel give up their money for the Hillel house's new addition in favor of finishing Seegers.

A representative from Hillel denied their request, reminding them that more people eat in Hillel than eat in Garden Room these days. The picketing students immediately dispersed, realizing the truth behind this statement.

Student Government will be dorm storming every day between now and the end of the school year in an attempt to raise enough money to continue the addition. They

ask students to give in all their laundry quarters and any other spare change they can scrounge up.

In fact, if every student gives all of their laundry money for the rest of their lives, this addition could perhaps be finished. In an ironic turn, meal plans prices and housing costs will be upped to help fund the restart of this project, even though the new dining hall option will not be available and some students will be living on dirt floors.

The administration and Student Government urges students to do all they can to help this situation. Besides giving in any money they find in their couch cushions, students can help decorate the addition to make it look more finished. Fake brick siding and duct tape will be available for anyone willing to help.

Look on the bright side: the West side of campus won't be woken up to the sounds of construction any more.

... Prosser will no longer be at the bottom of the totem pole... now be considered a luxurious freshman dorm.



The new and improved bookstore.

PHOTO BY SAM SHMECKLE



New rock climbing walls added to GQ.

PHOTO BY SAM SHMECKLE



The open-roof rain room of the Dining Hall.

PHOTO BY SAM SHMECKLE

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carrying around a sword, we will unfortunately never know.) Onlooker President Helm, who was joined by a crowd of students, recalls Bruckner as a happy man in his last stand.

The duel lasted long into the night, with a few contributions from cheering onlookers. Bruckner, who stood with nothing but a few rust marks towards the end of the fight, had all but won the battle. Students began to chant for their snow-day hero, but as Bruckner turned to the joyous crowd, General Pete took his last swing.



Mike Bruckner's last stand.

PHOTO BY NO-CRAP SHERLOCK

general's spurt of life ended, and he was once again frozen in time, this time without even a weapon to hold proudly.

Bruckner's dying wish was to be taken to his computer to send out a final email to his adoring student fans. "Don't let the Berg Bulletin die with me..." an ailing Bruckner slowly typed out with his last breaths. Then, surrounded by subdued students, one of whom let out a final 'snow day' cheer, the famous Mike Bruckner passed on.

And let the Berg Bulletin die the students and staff won't do. In honor of Mr. Bruckner, the staff members have begun battling for the job of diligently sending out the Bulletin. Fittingly, the battles have been in the form of duels, although rusty weaponry has been outlawed in honor of the late Bulletin writer, who will be immortalized in a white-gold sculpture that will replace General Pete.

Instead of holding a sword, the immortal Bruckner will be smiling broadly. And proudly hold a computer mouse.

The general's sword hit its target: in a scene straight out of some overdramatized war film, Bruckner fell, in slow motion, into the arms of the cheering crowd. In rage, President Helm attacked General Pete, tearing his sword from his cold, bronze hands. The

Weekend Weather

Friday



Black Smoke escapes the Lost island.

Saturday



Polar Bears protest Global Warming

Sunday



The Antichrist Rises

Moyer Desks Getting Much Needed Help

BY OPRAH
OPRAH

In a recent questionnaire compiled by the College, the most nagging problem from students is that the Moyer desks are too sticky. One student said, "they are so sticky, I don't know what to do with my hands." (That's what she said!) So, to combat this problem, the College has decided to re-wax all of the desks in Moyer and tilt them a little further for more sliding. Waxers, Inc. had to bring out all of the desks outside to be put under the big waxer.

Waxers, Inc. founder, Willy Wunderfeld said that the desks couldn't fit through the front, so they had to use the back entrance (that's what she said!). For some reason, the waxer, instead of spraying wax, shot out chalk dust. An angry neighbor said that when she went out to get the morning paper, she was covered in white stuff (that's what she said!). So, after cleaning up all of the chalk, the desks were finally waxed.

A focus group of students tested out the new desks, where one student said that it "felt so good." (That's what she said!) The new desks will be put back in after break. Willy warned the students, "Ready or not, here they come." (That's what she said!)

Students will now be in more controllable angst when sitting in their chairs, squirming to keep their books in place while reaching for the pen that just slid off the desk.

Next on the College's to-do list is taking care of the desks in Ettinger as students have complained that the seats aren't sloped enough. There have been multiple complaints that people are too stationary in their seats and that they would like a little more slide in the behind (that's what she said). If only the Moyer desks were attached to the seats in the Ettinger building... ah, that would be ideal.

Please contact Dean of Students, Karen Green, to complain.

Guido Studies added to the 'Berg curriculum

BY PEACHES CREAM
REGISTERED OBAMA STALKER

A new major has just been approved by Provost Ramsay along with Head Registrar Deborah Tamte-Horan called Guido Studies. Guido Studies will focus on a comprehensive analysis of the inhabitants of New Jersey shore towns such as Seaside Heights and Belmar (pronounced Balmaaaahhhh). The major will consist of 10 courses which encompass of guidography. The four core courses will be: Rhythm and beats of techno music, how to be juiced: fist-pumping and protein shakes, chemistry of the hair gel environment, and physics of the blowout (poof for the ladies).

The major will also have a Center of Ethics lecture series which will comprise of 7 guest lectures – one for each cast member of *Jersey Shore*. The final Center of Ethics event will consist of a field trip to a South Jersey tanning salon to get the full GTL (gym, tanning, laundry) experience. An independent study will also be available in this major with topics ranging from tanning research to creepin' at Karma (pronounced Kaaaaamaahhh). The faculty advisor for the major will be Dr. Giacomo Gambino, who has countless years of experience creepin' on women at well known clubbing institutions such as Karma and Beachcomber's.

There are great hopes for this major to expand into a whole division of the college eventually culminating in the creation of the Peyton R. Helm Center for Guido Studies. With the creation of the



Future guest lecturer, Pauly D.

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Helm Center for Guido Studies, President Helm is optimistic that Muhlenberg will be able to increase its diversity through added guido presence on campus. There are plans for a separate dorm replacing East Hall which have self-service tanning beds as well as soap dispensers containing sunless tanner in bathrooms. A new dining facility will reside in the new hall – tentatively named "The Situation" – which will specialize in serving Italian food, pickles, protein shakes, and Ronnie's drink. Applications from central Long Island and Southern New Jersey as well as parts of Rhode Island have increased with the exclusive release of this hot new major.

President Helm approves Keg Crawl

BY RICHIE CUNNINGHAM
BEER CONNOISSEUR

Mar. 20, 2010 is a day that will live in infamy. For the first time, Muhlenberg students went out and actually had fun: bio majors who hadn't seen the light of day since high school were out playing Frisbee.

Theater majors were enacting Shakespeare on the front lawn and being unnecessarily loud (wait, don't they always do that?), and (to the surprise of the majority of campus) people discovered that people do major in history at this college.

Saturday, March 20 was a fantastic day. The sun was shining and college students were drinking. One of the most spectacular occurrences of the day was the absence of the Allentown Police Department and Campus Police.

Parties were thrown outside and the students of Muhlenberg proved they can drink responsibly when treated like adults. So, as a reward, President Helm is canceling classes the week of St. Patrick's Day every year from this year forth.

Students will be happy to know that this will not mean a surrender of any other vacation days. Instead, the president is

giving this vacation as a gift to the hardest working students in the Lehigh Valley.

"I thought that the college needed a break," said President Randy Helm in a statement. "Last weekend I saw students in the library on a Friday night until closing.

In my days at Colby, we would have already puked and rallied twice by dinner time. Muhlenberg students need to be able to have that actual college experience. Stop studying and have some fun."

Not only will classes be cancelled, but there will be a week of fun (including Maingate Monday, Tanked Tuesday, Woody's Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday (every Thursday should be thirsty. If it isn't, step it up), and F***ed up Friday.

But, have no fear. There will be fun before the worst day of the week, Sober Sunday. The week will culminate in an all-day drinkapalooza on Saturday.

The day will begin at 9:30 AM Saturday morning in Garden Room, in which there will be a spectacular spread of kegs and eggs worked diligently by the College's friendly dining staff.

Then, at 11 AM, students will move to the athletic fields for five

massive games of waffle ball. Around 1 PM, students will be given the option to move back to Seeger's Union for traditional Irish cuisine.

There will then be a two hour break for food and naps. Starting at 3, dizzy bat will be held on the volleyball courts. Dinner will be served at Scotty Wood Stadium. It will consist of a beerbecue and a carnival, including a moon bounce.

Those looking for a dance party can then move on to Memorial Hall, while those looking for a more relaxed atmosphere can see student bands perform in Garden Room, the Red Door, and at the couches.

Of course the College will provide safety precautions. Campus Safety will police every activity to make sure that no students get out of control. Any violators of the peace will be forced to spend the day in the Prosser annex (truly a punishment).

Additionally, every station has several port-o-potties and hydration stations – this is a civilized college after all. Events, locations, and times are tentative... the ride to blackout city is not.

Please contact the president's office with comments, suggestions, or concerns.

OFF CAMPUS HEADLINES

Zac Efron comes out of closet. Vanessa Hudgens devastated, seeks comfort from that blond guy from the High School Musical franchise.

Ellen Degeneres leaves American Idol disappointed she was stuck with the worst "Top 20" in the show's history.

MTV on strike until Jersey Shore cast demands less money or lowers hair.

Unpublished Nicholas Sparks book already optioned for movie. Casting call for unknown female hotties already ongoing to play lead opposite Justin Bieber.

Barack Obama allocates \$4 billion towards Sarah Palin's 2012 election campaign. In other news, the Myan Calendar that predicts the end of the world in 2012 is still counting down.

Construction crew accidentally remodels Sig Ep, not TKE house

BY FRED FLINTSTONE
HE CAN MAKE YOUR BEDROCK

In 2008 the President's Planning Committee decided to convert the former Tau Kappa Epsilon house into a recital facility, housing music performance space, practice rooms, acting studios and faculty offices.

However, acceleration in the construction schedule caused a slip-up with regard to the contracts. Rather than renovating the TKE house into the Rehearsal house, workers began implementing major changes on the Sigma Phi Epsilon house instead.

Due to budget shortages and issues of legality, the Planning Committee decided that the Sig Ep house will be utilized by both Sig Ep brothers and the College Arts department. Because the fraternity owns the house, and not the College, the Department of Theater and Dance and the Department of Music could not force the fraternity members out of the house or have them use the abandoned TKE house instead.

Renovation of Sig Ep is already underway. According to some, the past few weekends have been rough. Due to the infiltration of workers and more intense security detail, Sig Ep's party scene has suffered. Although the brothers expressed some displeasure at first, they are now viewing the project much more enthusiastically.

The recent renovation of the Sig Ep dance floor

makes the job more manageable for workers than it would have been in the TKE house since new hardwood floors do not have to be installed. Instead, the dance floor will function as a ballet studio, with an addition of mirrors along the walls and a ballet bar.

"We already looked hot on the dance floor, but the mirrors just reinforce it," said one Sig Ep brother who chose to remain anonymous. "No idea what we'll use the handrail for..." he added with a smirk.

In fact, the brothers are now utilizing the crew's nest above the dance floor to watch practices and learn techniques in flexibility. Many have been caught around campus practicing their new skills.

It's not just the brothers who have been affected by the new atmosphere at Sig Ep but also the theater kids who must study and practice there. Dance students no longer drink water to keep hydrated but instead have taken to drinking Sig Ep's signature brews.

This change in diet has caused an increase in energy, and routines have become edgier, more fast-paced and risqué. One ballet student even claimed that the wet and sticky floor has helped improve her balance and poise by keeping her on her toes.

In addition to the renovated dance floor, the plans called for a circular outdoor amphitheater cut into the hillside at the rear of the house. The deck was easy enough to convert into a stage, but workers were shocked at the amount of debris they were required to clear. Two workers were transported to the emergency room due to a situation involving a broken bottle and a fishing net.

In describing the massive cleanup efforts, one frat brother explained, "At first they had some difficulty but then they nailed it!" (That's what she said.)

What was once a serious error has been turned around so that many parties benefit.

The Sig Ep brothers are happy to open their doors to the lithe dancers, and the latter are pleased to have a new studio in which to practice. Both groups look forward to a fun and rewarding future together with the first step in their uniting of the College's social classes.

The administration has promised that such issues will not occur in the future, although they will keep using the same contractor.

...because the fraternity owns the house... the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Department of Music could not force the fraternity members out...

ATO battles the Pep Band for hold of Hillcrest

BY CALYPSO HELM
PRESIDENT DOG

On Sun., Mar. 28 at approximately 4:00 a.m. the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) fraternity launched a semi non-violent attack on the current residents of the Hillcrest House in an attempt to regain possession of their infamous house.

Their plan was to break into the house in the quiet of the night and throw water balloons at the sleeping, unsuspecting students who reside there now. For some strange reason they thought that this would make them give the house up. One could question why they would ever think that would work but why bother, it is Muhlenberg after all.

It was the perfect spring night, not too hot and not too cold. The stars lit up the sky, the moon was bright and full and it seemed as if nothing could go wrong (except maybe for the handful of disoriented students staggering up the hill of the village parking lot). Anyway, everything was going according to plan...until a booming male voice yelled, "THIS IS THE POWER OF MUSICCCCC!!!!!!!" He sprang out from behind the shrubbery (that's what she said), with 10 other residents of the Hillcrest House holding what seemed to be a water-propelling contraption constructed out of various musical instruments. The ATO brothers just ignored the weird band freaks, figuring it would be even easier to re-possess the house without anyone in it. They just about had the door open when the same resounding, powerful voice echoed, "MUAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA." He then pushed a button on a remote control and a massive stream of water surged through and out of the contraption.

It was a strange scene to say the least. Like something out of a poorly written, low-budget movie about homemade fire safety equipment. The brothers just stood in front of the door, first deeply confused, then horrified when they realized that they were most likely in a dangerous situation. Never did they expect something like that to happen. Before they could figure out that running away was probably their best and most rational option, the water swept them away and propelled them into the air, causing them to land on the library lawn.

"That was the most f-f-frightening thing, I have e-e-ever exp-p-erenced," confessed a distressed, trembling ATO brother who wishes to remain nameless. "There's something messed up about those band kids. They're messed up man," said another brother. "Don't do it. Just don't even try. They can keep the house, they can keep it. We don't want it, no we don't want it JUST PLEASE DON'T HURT US!" begged another.

While the student body is deeply concerned for the welfare of the terrified ATO brothers, they also are proud of the Hillcrest House residents and their uncanny abilities to find out that ATO was planning these shenanigans and to build that very strange instrumental device to defend their house. Maybe one day ATO will get back the house that more or less is rightfully theirs but until then, we hope that they use their time devising a better plan to re-claim the property.



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Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 24 - Alcohol Violation - Campus Safety officer arrested by Allentown Police Department officer for sitting on the front lawn with an open keg.

Mar. 24 - Theft - All 200 of President Helm's bow ties were stolen from his house, forcing him to wear normal ties. There are no suspects at this time.

Mar. 24 - Theft - \$4 was stolen from every person who was in the audience of *American Tragedy*.

Mar. 24 - Theft - Prosser has gone missing. Campus Safety and Allentown Police are baffled.

Mar. 25 - Alcohol Violation - In the basement of Walz, freshmen were found using the washing machines to mix their weekend beverages.

Mar. 25 - Unexplainable Occurrence - Freshman student was found wandering around Seegers' Union wearing the toaster from GQ on his head.

Mar. 25 - Lost Dignity - Sophomore Suzie Smith was found walking across the chapel lawn in a scantily clad outfit. It seemed as if she was trying to sneakily walk back to her room in Martin Luther Hall from the Sig Ep/Phi Tau area of campus.

Mar. 26 - Theft/Assault - Java Joe's student workers stole a brat wurst from the Garden Room and used it to attack the student workers at the info desk. The brat wurst was never recovered. The campus community should be on the lookout for a suspect individual with a large piece of meat.

Mar. 26 - Stray animal - While investigating a noise complaint in Benfer Hall, the officer was surprised to find no party taking place, but a small grey koala in

the corner of the room. The koala was brought back to the office and was sent back to the Sydney Zoo in Australia.

Mar. 26 - Alien Abduction - A member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was reported missing. Several witnesses claim to have seen a bright light over the frat house the night in question. A pair of boxers with the initials "JK" were found in a tree directly outside of the residence.

Mar. 26 - Prostitution - A certain dispatcher was found on the corner of 23rd

to the Counseling Center.

Mar. 27 - Found Property - Three students found with stolen property; 2 previously missing purple toilets. They were returned to Flush-For-A-Cure.

Mar. 27 - Cruel and unusual punishment - All students on campus were forced to attend a mandatory lecture about "the countries with the dots" with Donna Kish-Goodling.

Mar. 28 - Epidemic - Following the lec-

pageant.

Mar. 28 - Illegal Drugs - Admissions counselor, Melissa Falk was found with three ounces of pot on her person. When asked why she was in possession of this illegal drug, she confessed, "The admissions process has just been so stressful lately. I thought that this would be a helpful substance for everyone in the office." She was not fired but was referred to Judicial.

Mar. 28 - Arrest - Dr. Kahlenberg has been indefinitely detained for her disproportionate and ostentatious utilization of five syllable utterances. Her bail is contingent upon her ability to use only vocabulary that is used on Nickelodeon.

Mar. 29 - Returned Item - The missing student believe to have been abducted by aliens was returned. While he has no memory of his missing time, he now has a tattoo that reads "Thanks for the good time."

Mar. 29 - Vandalism - The tires on all of the Campus Safety vehicles were slashed. All of the officers called in sick.

Mar. 29 - Alarms - The fire alarm went off in Robertson Hall due to students microwaving Peeps in preparation for the upcoming Easter holiday.

Mar. 29 - Disruptive Conduct Policy - Campus Safety Officers responded to a noise complaint at South Hall. Students were holding a protest to support the institution of "rain days". Campus Safety Officers joined the marching students.

Mar. 29 - Reported Missing - Campus Safety officers were unable to find the Weekly Offices to complain about the picture used in Campus Safety Notes. A missing persons report was filed for the staff.



and Chew Sts. trying to turn tricks. Nobody stopped to hire her. She was arrested for personal shame and failure to succeed at prostitution.

Mar. 27 - Theft - Third floor Haas. Report of stolen wigs. There are so suspects at this time.

Mar. 27 - Injury caused by stupidity - EMS called to GQ. Student cut herself by placing knife in mouth. Student was brought to the hospital and also referred

ture by Donna Kish-Goodling, the Counseling Center was overrun by terrified students seeking emotional assistance. A restraining order has been placed on Donna Kish-Goodling and anyone interested in travelling abroad.

Mar. 28 - Cease and Desist - Famous performer, and Weekly favorite, Lady GaGa arrived on campus to order Mike Bloom '11 to stop his impersonations of her. Campus Safety has been notified to be on call the night of the Mr. Muhlenberg

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Life!

"Life: It's long and hard. (That's what she said!)"
- Ancient proverb

Robert Pattinson's fame comes back to bite him

BY PENNY COPPER
RESIDENT VAMPIRE EXPERT

For thousands of teenage girls all across the globe, the world has ended.

Robert Pattinson, the heartthrob best known as the sparkling vampire Edward Cullen in the *Twilight* saga movies and Cedric Diggory in the film adaptation of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, was pronounced dead on Wednesday afternoon at his London home, a city official said. Mr. Pattinson was 23.

The actor was found by his vocal teacher who was coming to the apartment for their weekly lesson. When Pattinson did not open the door after five minutes, she went to the landlord and asked him to open the door. When she got inside, she found Pattinson lying motionless on the floor of his living room with his eyes wide open. She immediately called 911. The actor was pronounced dead at 3:36 pm.

The police are unsure as of yet precisely what killed him, but the paramedics said in their report that he was completely drained of his blood and that there were two puncture holes on his neck. (If I didn't know any better, I would say that it sounds like he was killed by vampires.) The vocal teacher, who asked to remain anonymous, refused to answer any questions about what she discovered.

His family has asked for privacy in this difficult time, but did say that last they saw him he was in perfect health.

When asked whether the teacher had stated that there were no signs of a break-in, one police officer responded, "That's what she said. The door was definitely locked when she arrived at the apartment and nothing inside seemed out of place or missing."

Police officers talked to Mr. Pattinson's next door neighbors, who stated that they had seen a man and woman outside his apartment earlier in the day, whom Pattinson had appeared to know and let inside. According to the descriptions that police received from witnesses, the man had blonde hair and was around six feet tall, while the woman had bright red hair and was around five feet six inches tall. There is no word yet as to where the two suspects are now or what their names are.

Reaction to his death has already started trickling in from fans.

Groups of teenage girls have been standing outside his apartment building clutching *Twilight* books and other memorabilia, consoling each other at the loss of their beloved Edward Cullen.

"This isn't possible," one 13 year old girl said through her tears. "He's a vampire. He can't die." (Doesn't she know that Mr. Pattinson simply plays a vampire and that he is really a human being?)

"How awful. I really liked Cedric Diggory," a 16-year old girl said, clearly unaware that those around her were confused as to why she didn't call him Edward.



Robert Pattinson in the prime of his life.

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"I'm devastated. I was planning on marrying him," another, Robert Pattinson T-shirt clad girl states. (Was he aware of this plan?)

Robert Thomas Pattinson was born in London on May 13, 1986. The youngest of three children, he has two elder sisters, one of whom is singer Lizzy Pattinson. He began his career as a model, but stopped after four years. He then went on to do some amateur theater and received minor roles in movies like *Vanity Fair*. He got his break when he was cast as Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* shortly after which he was cast as Edward Cullen in the *Twilight* saga movies, the role that sky-rocketed him to fame and teenage-heartthrob status. He has also starred in *Little Ashes*, as Spanish painter Salvador Dali, and starred in *Remember Me*. He was in the middle of filming *Bel Ami* and *Water for Elephants*, along with the final two installments of the *Twilight* series. He once said that he aspired to be like Jack Nicholson. Besides acting, Pattinson is also an accomplished piano and guitar player and singer, having composed some of his own songs, two of which were on the *Twilight* soundtrack.

An impromptu vigil has begun outside his building, with hundreds of girls, along with a variety of people from the entertainment business coming to pay tribute to the actor.

Various co-stars and actors have also started commenting on Pattinson's death.

"I'm really shocked. Rob was great guy and fun to be around. I had nothing against him," Daniel Radcliffe, star of the *Harry Potter* movies and Pattinson's co-star in the fourth movie of the installment.

"This is really, really awful. I love Rob. I can't imagine finishing the *Twilight* movies without. And I don't want to," Kristen Stewart said of her co-star and rumored on-and-off boyfriend.

"I'm in shock," *Remember Me* co-star Emilie de Ravin stated. "He was such a nice guy. And so wonderful and easy to work with."

"This is so sad. I'm a huge fan of *Twilight* and Robert Pattinson," American Idol season 8 runner-up Adam Lambert said. "I don't think they should continue the movies without him. Unless they want me to take his place?" Lambert joked with a smile.

The London police have an investigation underway as to who the two people Mr. Pattinson let into his apartment are and precisely how he died.

Mr. Pattinson was a rising star and will be sorely missed in the entertainment business.

The family asks that you respect their privacy. His funeral will take place on Monday.

Neil Patrick Harris is first human to be cloned

BY APPLE JACK
MULTIPLICATION EXPERT

Here is a fact: Neil Patrick Harris is awesome.

Here is another fact: He is so awesome that he has been the first human in the world to be cloned.

Best known as Doogie Howser, M.D. and Barney Stinson on the sitcom *How I Met Your Mother*, Neil Patrick Harris is a household name in the entertainment business. With guest spots on shows like *Law & Order*, *Touched by an Angel*, *American Idol*, and *Glee*, along with hosting jobs of most of the major awards shows, a starring role in the internet sensation *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog* and various big-screen movies, Neil Patrick Harris is in high demand. Without enough time and energy to do everything all at once, he has had to turn down gigs and dispel rumors of his doing projects to which he has been attached.



The real Neil Patrick Harris (center) with two clones.

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But now he doesn't have to. Scientists have perfected their ability to clone animals and have decided that it is time to start cloning human beings. Because cloning is a relatively new procedure, it is very expensive and therefore unavailable to the common person. As a result, various people in the entertainment business have been asked to be the guinea pig for the experiment. Neil Patrick Harris was approached most often and most fervently and agreed to be the test case.

Harris' cloning process began three weeks ago and will continue for another two. He will undergo a series of DNA tests that will be copied exactly by a computer. Once the DNA strands are completed they will be put into a machine where they will be multiplied to the correct amount needed for the five clones that will come out of the entire process. Three clones have already been completed and tested for accuracy in

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Whore-O-Scopes

BY REGINA FILANGE

HEAD OF THE PSYCHIC DEPARTMENT

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

It is no coincidence that Aries comes first on the Zodiac. You know what you like, and you go for it. You are strong individuals who enjoy a challenge and leading your team to victory. Unfortunately you sometimes forget the joy – and the pleasure – of letting someone else take the lead for a change. While Mars is distant, take this week as a perfect opportunity to be submissive. Whether it's as mellow as putting on a blindfold or as extreme as being tied to the bedpost, now is the time to experience the wild side of being under someone else's thumb.

We recommend taking some orders from a sexually aggressive Leo rather than the vanilla tastes of a Libra. Libras are prone to emotional attachment, and that just does not jive with the free-to-have-fun attitude of the Aries people. What self-respecting Aries wants to deal with all that drama?

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

If you are a member of the Taurus family, you must have loved the warm weather lately. Whether you recognize it or not, nature is an important part of your identity, which is why we suggest taking your bedroom activities to the great outdoors for some fun in the sun. If you can't find a private place to perform your horizontal tango, at least those around you will get a good show.

Taureans, very sensual people, are inherently stubborn. This trait translates over as a positive in the sexual arts. They will work past the point of exhaustion to ensure their desired results, a fact that those lucky enough to be partnered with a Taurus should proudly share. Among other translatable personality traits are creativity and a high skilled when it comes to working with their hands. We recommend finding a Virgo, as they have the stamina to keep up with your own work ethic.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

The Gemini is the sign of twins. Yes, TWINS! Now calm down, this is not a sign that twins are about to invade your bedroom for a night of abandon. The gift of the Gemini is their versatility and their enthusiasm. While one side is serious and passionate, the other is equally fun and flirtatious. So while it may not be with twins... we believe in your ability to conduct a successful threesome.

Your ability to concentrate on two tasks at the same time and your excitement to tackle them will lead to a promising conclusion for all involved. You should look for someone who peaks your intellectual interests and a second partner who appeals to your wild side.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

As a water sign, ruled by the moon's powerful influences, you are highly emotional and easily provoked into action. Sadly, too many people fail to see the positives in these important traits. Your emotional depths allow you to be more mature than most of your peers. You easily and efficiently determine which potential friends are and, most importantly, are not worthy of your friendship. These same tools are applied when finding sexual partners.

You want someone worthy of your time and attention. Unfortunately they are often turned away by what they believe to be mood swings. If they can't deal with a little attitude then forget them; you don't need to waste your time. However, there are those who you have already deemed worthy: your friends. If the need for physical attention is driving you mad, turn to a friend. Your emotions run deep, especially when it comes to your friends, and this will only increase your experience between the sheets. One-night stands are not your thing, so be prepared to pursue something more serious when the sun comes up the next morning. We suggest a Taurus friend, as they are most likely to want something more serious as well.

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

What isn't there to like about you feisty Leos? You're leaders of the pack, independent but protective of those around you, and have magnetic personalities. Let's also not forget about how good you are in bed! Even in the middle of the act you manage to be charming and affectionate. You always come up with new ideas to try out and the stamina to see them through. All are reasons why your partners let you take the lead.

Now that spring has come you'll find that these traits have only increased. The sun, your ruling planet, is the cause of all of this excess oomph. Now is the time to burn off this extra energy. Be safe, but start saying yes to new ideas and new people in your life. Stop looking for love, now is not the time for it. Adventure is the name of the game for the rest of the semester and there are plenty of new friends to play with!

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

Have you ever heard that in every relationship there is a flower and a gardener? Yeah, well, allow me to break the news: you like to be the flower. Your best lovers are the ones who know how to truly "worship" you. Your friendships are few, as you prefer meaningful relationships rather than going through the motions of being a social butterfly. This also reflects the number of one-night-stands you entertain: none.

Be careful that the need to be worshipped doesn't lead to bad place. This is a dangerous time for Virgos, as the location of Mercury is not ideal. You should be sure that – at least for a little while – you play the role of the gardener. Do something nice for your friends and your lover. Be sure to pay them extra attention during the day and at night. Believe us, the favor will be returned later.

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

What can we say about the Libras? You are fair, friendly, and creative individuals. Your friends depend on you to give them sound advice on all topics in their lives. Your pinpoint accuracy brings them running back to you for more advice again and again. But what about the bedroom? Well, you are also fair and balanced there but nothing overly special. You're open to new ideas and challenges but never come up with your own for fear of pushing your partner.

Our only real advice on your love life is to use those charming personalities to meet someone new. Chances are all of your potential mates have spent too much time with your charms and have taken up residence in the friend zone. No one wants to jeopardize their friendship with someone as amazing as you. While you still find them sexually appealing, you are no longer an option for them. It's time to find some fresh meat, so take a walk over to Prosser and make a new friend. We suggest staying away from the adventurous tastes of the Aries children and focus on finding a nice Capricorn to play with.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

For such controlled individuals you Scorpios certainly have a lot going on under the surface! Excellent leaders, you know how to play your cards right which makes you the ultimate flirt. Even after your ruling planet was found out to be a fraud (poor Pluto), your resourcefulness still keeps you on the top of your game. But sometimes having a good poker face can work against you... a lesson you've most likely learned and ignored by now. Opening yourself up to people can be a fulfilling experience (that's what she said!).

Now is not the time to keep your interests hidden. If you've found someone who excites you, take the plunge and go after him or her. Sometimes the most attractive move a Scorpio can make is to be vulnerable. Making the first move and giving up the power position says a lot about how interested you are in someone. Although, if you doubt your interest is the one and you're just looking to get some loving, then keep the ball in your court. The only thing sexier in a Scorpio than being vulnerable is being under their powerful direction.

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

This is the time for those born under the sign of Sagittarius to get choosy. As naturally inquisitive people, you never mind giving potential partners their fair shot at becoming your one and only. However, it takes a rare individual to prove their worthiness to you. After all, Sagittarians are almost as playful and well rounded in the bedroom as those lusty Leos!

But more important than sex to a Sagittarius is the perfect partner. You may be willing to experiment and see more than the usual number of faces in the bedroom, but once you've found that special someone the time for fooling around is over. Your friends know you best, but if you wanted one to be something more than you would have pursued it a long time ago. Instead use your friends as your guiding compass and take their advice on who would be best.

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

You Capricorns are destined for great things. As the professionals of the Zodiac, you are serious by nature and believe in doing things by the book. Sometimes this can be a negative in the bedroom. Once you find the proper rhythm and position, you're hard pressed to find a new one. After all, you don't see a reason to. If it's not broken, why fix it? Because it's boring, that's why!

Try breaking out of your shell for a change. Go with the flow suggested by your partner. We're not guaranteeing you'll enjoy it – let's face it – you might not even reach a satisfactory conclusion. But sometimes it's just not about you. Now, don't get us wrong, you are generous in the social world. Capricorns are famous for being excellent gift givers and picking out the perfect presents. But this is one quality that doesn't necessarily translate to the bedroom.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Aquarians are known for two things: their quiet, shy nature and their boisterous energy. You also have the ability to see both sides of an argument, making you an important member of your social group. People turn to you for your fairness, and you are hesitant to turn them down when they demand your full attention. This is also true in the bedroom. Don't let your need for quiet independence be overrun by your passion to keep your friends happy. Sometimes it's okay to be selfish. Sometimes it's okay to be alone. Sometimes this combination can lead to some lovely experiences in the bedroom.

The reason you sometimes wish to be alone is that you can intimidate others with your eccentricities... especially in the bedroom. It can be difficult for you to find a partner into your specific kinks. So stop trying to find the perfect lover who matches your sexual interests perfectly. They are not out there. Instead, we recommend taking some quiet time to handle your imaginative demands... alone. While sex with a friend can be fun, you should never forget the joy found by seeking pleasure on your own. We know you have the tools to accomplish this in your possession, so just go for it.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

You Pisceans are unfairly undervalued. You aren't the type to seek glory or fame, and as such you are misunderstood. You make the fiercest of friends and connect with people on a deeply emotional level. You enjoy the simple things in life like good food, music and friends. But sadly potential love interests find out about these qualities too late. A true romantic, you want a partner who cherishes intimacy and doting.

Show your partner the power of the sensual world. After all, no one does sensuality better than a member of the Pisces clan. We recommend staying in for the night with a romantic film, a bottle of wine, and some chocolate delights. Snuggle close with your love, and when the movies over take them back to your bed and put those chocolates to use. You'll thank us in the morning.

Dear Liger: the College's advice column

BY LIGER
RESIDENT ZOMBIE EXPERT

it, does it make a sound?
-Tree Hugger

Dear Tree Hugger,
Yes.
-Liger

Dear Liger,
My leg itches.
-Itchy

Dear Itchy-
Scratch it.
-Liger

Dear Liger,
Is there anything Neil Patrick Harris CAN'T do?
-NPH lover

Dear NPH lover,
Women.
-Liger

Dear Liger,
I keep getting headaches, what can I do about them? They're more annoying than painful. They just keep coming back!
-Annoyed

Dear Liger,
If a tree falls in the forest, but there is no one around to hear

Dear Annoyed,
HEAD ON, APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE FOREHEAD.
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-Liger

Advice of the Week:

Well Muhlenberg, it's that time of year again. Flowers are blooming; the birds are flying back and singing their spring songs. Yes, this can only mean one thing: the zombies are coming to play. Be sure to prepare yourself. Zombies are vulnerable to fire, so purchase yourself a flamethrower if you have the means. If not, a simple lighter and hairspray makes a lovely college-budget flame thrower. Zombies also prefer to hunt at night, so by all means absolutely DO NOT go out alone at night. If you MUST go out at night, go with a group and be armed. Blades are also quite useful for slowing down a zombie, but be warned: severing a zombie's limb will not kill it! Do not think you are in the clear if you remove a zombie's leg. Consider the Black Knight in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. Zombies will be trying to eat your brains. Make sure you wear helmets and the like to protect your head. Zombies, if they do not want your juicy brains, may bite you in order to turn you into a zombie to join the army. Be aware! It may be beneficial to wear protection. (That's what she said.) This protection should be lightweight for easy movement, but thick enough to repel zombie teeth. Lightweight chainmail is useful, or thick mesh like a shark-proof wetsuit.

Good luck facing your zombies!

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comparison with the real Neil Patrick Harris.

Here is what Neil Patrick Harris had to say about this experiment and having five clones of himself: "It's weird. Definitely weird to see so many of me. But I think it's going to be great! I'll be able to do so many things at once and I'll have time to just relax! The process is hard, but it's worth it." (That's what she said!)

Reaction from the outside world has been both positive and negative.

"I think it's brilliant! He'll be able to do so many more things," Alyson

Hannigan, Harris' *How I Met Your Mother* co-star, said. "Not that he doesn't do a lot already!" she added with a chuckle.

"It's the most epic thing ever to happen to the entertainment business," one teenaged-girl sporting a panda shirt said enthusiastically. "He is one of the greatest actors and I absolutely love him. Can they make one of his clones straight? I'd love to have his babies!"

"Clones? Of Doogie Howser? That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard of," one surly non-fan said, shaking his head furiously. "The things they come up with in Hollywood these days."

While not everyone may be a fan of having multiple Neil Patrick Harrises in the business, we certainly are. Imagine all the possibilities there will be. He can keep his permanent job on *How I Met Your Mother*, can become a regular on *Glee*, can host every awards show from here to eternity from now until forever, can replace Simon Cowell next season on *American Idol*, and so much more.

There are so many possibilities with five Neil Patrick Harrises. How exciting and wonderful this is for the entertainment business.

What would you like to see him in?

Lady Gaga makes an appearance at Mr. Muhlenberg

BY POKER FACE
HEAD OF PAPARAZZI

Last Wed., Mar. 24, the College hosted its annual Mr. Muhlenberg competition.

Memorial Hall was packed with excited students, but none could have possibly been prepared for the guest appearance that was to come. The MTV-themed show was off to a good start after a nudity-filled swimsuit portion, but amidst the talent portion, a star known for much more nudity took to the stage and performed her number one hit, "Bad Romance." The infamous Lady Gaga took a moment to sit down with the *Weekly* and answer a few questions.

Weekly: Why did you make a surprise guest appearance at Mr. Muhlenberg? How do you even know of Muhlenberg and how did you find out about the event?

Lady Gaga: I was in my luxurious Winnebago, enjoying my afternoon tea and Triscuits, when I received a text from Mike Bruckner. I had previously studied abroad with Mike in Dubai, and we had a grand old

time. He informed me about a "mangeant," which is apparently a pageant for men. At first, I was turned off with the entire idea of performing for a simple college. But I realized that I

owed Mike some favors, and he owed me some in exchange. I figured I would be nice, and pretty soon I had hijacked my Winnebago and made a jug-handle turn to PA!"

W: Where did you get that fantastic outfit?

LG: "Out in the jungles of Malaysia, there exists an extremely rare and exotic bird. It sheds white feathers that smell of the cross-breed between lavender and peanut butter, and its eggs are the color of a sunrise. I managed to strangle enough of the birds and skin them alive to get enough feathers to weave together all of my visceral white clothing. You

may think that perhaps me killing the birds might be a little over the top. But Charles Darwin wanted it that way."



Lady Gaga and two back-up dancers.

PHOTO BY DEBORAH WARD

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Weekend Listings



Casablanca

Fri. 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
Sat. 4:05, 6:50, 9:40
Sun. 1:15, 4:05, 6:50

The Wizard of Oz

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

Gone with the Wind

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
Sun. 2:10, 5:00, 7:50

Citizen Kane

Fri. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:15, 4:40, 7:20

Back to the Future

Fri. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:10

Beware! The Blob

Fri. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 2:40, 5:10, 8:00

The Villa: a wonderful experience

BY OLIVE GARLIC
ASST. HEAD OF FOOD

let me tell you, my fellow College students, if anyone ever tells you that going to this restaurant is a good way to spend your time, THEY ARE LYING TO YOU. This place was honestly the worst restaurant I've ever been to in my life.

We drove to the restaurant in Melissa's car but were horribly surprised to find a very restricted parking area...aka two parking spaces next to the restaurant designated for employees, and one empty space next to an enormous dumpster. It was pretty sketchy; but we didn't want to judge the restaurant by the outside, so we went in hoping it would be better. We were WRONG.

Instantly when you walk into the restaurant, your nose is flooded with some kind of seriously uncomfortable odor. My friend Stef whispered to me, "It smells like something died in here!" We all exchanged confused glances and approached the hostess' desk. The hostess was talking on her cell phone when we reached her desk, and instead of putting down her phone, she held up a long acrylic nail at us, popping her gum in our direction, and continued her conversation. We waited for about five minutes until she finished her phone call and realized we were still standing there. She seated us at a large table in the middle of the restaurant, and, as we looked around us, we realized that we were one of two parties seated in the entire restaurant. The experience only went downhill from there.

Our waiter, Steve, was a sloppy mess (that's a bit of an understatement). His shirt was half-tucked-in, he wore sunglasses (inside?!), and had to search all over the restaurant to find his notepad and pen to take our orders. While he ran around the restaurant searching, we looked over the rather small menu of classic Italian dishes: spaghetti with meatballs, fettuccine alfredo, and pizzas with your choice of an arrangement of toppings. We all decided on our orders, and Jess chose to go to the salad bar in the back of the restaurant to eat on the healthy side. She came back

This past weekend, my friends and I went to The Villa. After hearing about how great it was from multiple sources, we had high hopes for this restaurant. But

empty handed; apparently the vegetables in the salad bar were old, and the bowls with dressing had mold growing in it.

Ten minutes later, Steve finally came back and took all of our orders. Melissa asked him what the awful smell was it was becoming unbearable and he replied, "What smell?" and walked away. We could only hope the smell wasn't the food.

We waited a long 45 minutes to get our food with only one basket small of crumbly bread and un-spreadable butter to snack on. I ordered the spaghetti with meatballs, figuring it was a rather safe choice. Again, wrong. The spaghetti was undercooked and crunchy, and the meatballs were actually cold. COLD. I didn't have the heart to send it back, out of fear of what would be on my plate when it came out of the kitchen a second time. Melissa and Stef split a cheese pizza- very basic, not many ways you could go wrong. Of course, it went wrong. Not only was it cold, but the cheese fell right off of the pizza once you picked up a slice, and it tasted weird. When we were

done, our hands were all sticky. (That's what she said!) Sam ordered the fettuccine alfredo, which was also pretty bad. He said the alfredo sauce tasted "very off", and he couldn't even finish his meal.

The dessert menu, the final shred of hope left in the entire meal was lame, for lack of a better word. The options were chocolate mousse cake, apple pie with vanilla ice cream, and cannolis. I ordered the chocolate mousse cake, which was basically a dry piece of chocolate birthday cake. Jess ordered the apple pie, and she said that the cake was falling apart and the ice cream was already half-melted. Sam ordered the cannolis, and he couldn't really eat those either! He said he could barely bite into the cannolis and that the cream on the inside tasted similar to the alfredo sauce...which was a bad sign, so he just stopped before he really started.

The prices at this place aren't expensive, but for the food we got, they're way overpriced. I promise you, if you go to this restaurant you will leave hungry and may even feel nauseous from the smell. Just don't go.

The hostess was talking on her cell phone...held up a long acrylic nail at us, popping her gum in our direction, and continued her conversation.

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W: Where did you learn how to dance?

LG: "You don't learn how to dance. Dance learns how to do you. (That's what she said) Next question."

W: What did you like the most about Muhlenberg for the hour you were here?

LG: "After my performance, I heard there was a place that serves salad and smoothies called 'Frashners' or 'Frakkens' or something like that. I craved nothing more than blended fruit and leaves covered in liquid, so I stopped by and grabbed something quick to go. To get in shape for my next guest appearance somewhere in America, I then was able to go upstairs on the bikes and ride while eating my dinner. I really like that bike where you can ride on virtual paths and even chase after dragons. I believe the dragon represents the American dream that illegal immigrants are still willing to strive for. It's become the inspiration for my latest song, 'Dragon Dance, Biker Pants, Salad Fork, No More Pork.'"

W: Can we look forward to another surprise appearance from you anytime soon?

LG: "Let's see, when's graduation again..."

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The top 12 April Fool's hoaxes ever pulled

1) 1957: The Swiss Spaghetti Harvest

The BBC news announced that Swiss farmers were growing a spaghetti crop due to a mild winter and the elimination of the spaghetti weevil. Huge numbers of viewers were fooled.

2) 1985: Sidd Finch

Sports Illustrated reported that rookie pitcher Sidd Finch would be playing for the Mets. He was said to throw at 168 mph with 100 percent accuracy. Mets fans rejoiced at their luck.

3) 1962: Instant color TV

The technical expert of Sweden's one TV network told viewers that if they put a nylon stocking over their screen it would immediately transmit the picture in color. Thousands were taken in.

4) 1996: The Taco Liberty Bell

The Taco Bell corporation announced that it had bought the Liberty Bell and were renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia in outrage.

5) 1977: San Serriffe

British newspaper *The Guardian* published a seven-page article about a small republic consisting of semi-circular shaped islands in the Indian Ocean. Many people called for information on the vacation spot.

6) 1992: Nixon for President

NPR announced that Richard Nixon was once again running for President. Audio clips of his candidacy speech accompanied the announcement. Listeners responded with outrage and shock.

7) 1998: Alabama changes the value of Pi

New Mexicans for Science and Reason claimed that the Alabama state legislature had voted to change the value of Pi from 3.14 to 3.0. Hundreds of people called protesting the legislation.

8) 1998: The Left-Handed Whopper

Burger King published an ad promoting their new "Left-handed Whopper" created specifically for left-handed Americans. Many customers requested a "Right-handed Whopper."

9) 1995: Hotheaded Naked Ice Borers

Discover magazine reported of a new species found in Antarctica: the hotheaded naked ice borer. According to the article, their heads could become burning hot enabling them to bore through ice at high speeds.

10) 1976: Planetary Alignment Decreases Gravity

BBC radio announced that Pluto would pass behind Jupiter and cause a gravitational alignment that would lessen the Earth's gravity. Listeners called in and stated that they had momentarily been lifted from their feet.

11) 1989: UFO Lands in London

Thousands of motorists on the London highway looked up to find a flying saucer descending on the city. Local residents contacted the police who arrived to find a silver-suited figure emerge from the craft.

12) 2008: Flying Penguins

The BBC announced that they had captured footage of Antarctic penguins taking flight. They even offered a video clip of the event. It became one of the most watched videos on the internet.

Courtesy of museumofhoaxes.com

Sports Illustrated's Top Ten College Sports Pranks

By CHRIS LESINSKI
SPORTS ILLUSTRATED WRITER

10. The Bush/Ivy League School: Harvard Year: 2004

During the 2004 Yale-Harvard football game, a group of Yale students posed as the non-existent "Harvard Pep Squad" by wearing custom-designed T-shirts, painting their faces and totting fake student IDs. They convinced the opposing cheering section to hold up colored placards to create a mosaic that supposedly displayed, "GO HARVARD." In fact, the letters spelled "WE SUCK."

Many Harvardites didn't even know they were pranked. The hoax organizers started a website that touts a video, pictures and an online store that sells shirts and posters. Alas, the best pranks usually deflate such arrogance ... if only Harvard retaliated. In spite of its gratuitous message and arrogant PR policy, the "Harvard sucks" prank should be commended for its creative execution and as a bold effort in today's hypersensitive, lawsuit-ridden era.

9. The Freshman Face-Off School: Air Force Year: 1956

Typically, stealing another team's mascot is a meticulously calculated covert operation. Things are different at the U.S. Air Force Academy, where the mascot kidnappings are customarily blatant: Notre Dame's leprechaun ended up with a bloody nose in 1987 -- during the game and right in the middle of the field. Once the mascot is disabled, cadets pass him up through the stands, à la involuntary "crowd surfing." The practical joke from which the tradition originates is quite compelling.

Apparently, the quickest way from the bottom of Falcon Stadium to the top is through the stands. Just ask Wayne Waterhouse, a freshman in 1956, whose rite of passage was a malfunctioning prank-explosive that literally caused him to "loose face." It was meant to detonate during a halftime skit before he was near. The fastest way to a medic was up and over the student section.

8. Operation Dung Drop School: USC Year: 1958

The ancient USC-UCLA rivalry is speckled with tall tales; some are fact, some fiction. What's for sure: the Tommy Trojan statue on USC's campus is the most defaced statuary in college history. Typically, UCLA pranksters conspire to paint him blue and gold -- thwarted now by a condom of duct tape that covers him during rivalry week. His bronze sword has been removed so many times (once, it was welded into the middle of his back) that the school began replacing it with a wooden one to cut-costs. Attempts have been made at his head, limbs and even the whole statue.

But the most elaborate of them all was a failed attempt at averting the stonewall of all-night student guards and 24-hour camera surveillance. Perhaps inspired by competitive hot air ballooning, the crew planned to toss a few hundred pounds of manure out the door of a rented helicopter, splattering on the target below. To their dismay, it backfired -- literally. The volatile winds of the helicopter blades sucked the debris upward and back into their faces. An unknown amount of the manure probably made it to the icon, far from triumph -- at least according to the real story.

7. Still Undeclared School: Plainfield Teachers College (sorta) Year: 1941

In the early 1940's, the New York Times published the scores for a legendary college football team, the Plainfield Teachers College Comets. They starred Johnny Chung, a Herculean Hawaiian quarterback, whose

only weakness was ... his nonexistence. The Comets were a mythical team counterfeited by Morris Newburger, who wasn't even a college student; Newburger was only a stockbroker and a sports fan with a sense of humor, mocking the obscure teams that appeared in Sunday papers. The ruse held up for six weeks, due in part to his keen attention to detail: the Hawaiian leader downed a bowl of rice between halves for extra energy and the team's matchless "W" formation (which required the ends to face the backfield) preserved their perfect record.

6. The Birth of a Dynasty School: Miami (Ohio) Year: 1867

The earliest debauchery in this prank rank is from 1867, long before the NCAA, when beanie copters were still funny. Though not an actual "sports prank" per se, it changed the face of college football as we know it.

Ohio legislature passed a bill to establish an agricultural school and Miami University (Ohio) petitioned enthusiastically to make this new college a part of ye olde domain. The students did anything but mind their Ps & Qs. They staged a full farmstead inside the school's beloved chapel, including: a haystack, a harrow, a cow, two horses and several ducks, pigs, and chickens. The statesmen caught word of the wicked blasphemy and established the school elsewhere. It was dubbed "The Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College," which is just an old-fashioned name for Ohio State University.

5. The (overruled) Play School: UC Berkeley Year: 1982

During 1982's Bay Area rivalry game between Stanford and UC Berkeley, Cal returned a kickoff to win in the final moments, making five laterals and trampling over the Stanford Band in the process. The disputed touchdown became known as "The Play," and within four days of "The Big Game," Stanford got its revenge by replacing The Daily Californian with thousands of phony reproductions. The mock front-page explained how the NCAA overruled the officials and scored the game 20-19, a victory for Stanford. "I've watched that replay a thousand times and if that guy wasn't downed my first name isn't Richard," an NCAA officer was quoted. Below the fold, a story detailed the Cal coach's teary-eyed breakdown upon hearing the news. The counterfeit newspaper gag is an old one, but the tension and controversy surrounding "The Play" makes its prank just as legendary.

4. Balloon Animals School: Harvard Year: 1982

Using a vacuum, a 1967 Mustang, a weather balloon, a handful of marbles and some talcum powder, a group of students lampooned the 1982 Yale-Harvard football game by inflating a latex bubble at the 46-yard line. The balloon erupted from beneath the turf and grew to about a six-foot diameter before it exploded. The startled crowd of bulldog-haters and anti-Harvardites united in confusion for just a moment, until they realized that the atypical balloon was not donned with "Happy Birthday" or the Easter Bunny -- it was covered in the letters: MIT. After the game, MIT school president Paul Gray wrote the Harvard president asking for the contraband techno-lark that caused pandemonium at the rivalry football game. He wanted to put it on display.

3. Victoria's Secret School: UC Berkeley Year: 2006

The New York Times compared this prank to a "mil-

itary-style psychological operation" and named it one of the most notable ideas of 2006 -- though, I doubt the UC Rally Committee referred to The Art of War or took notes during History 101's Genghis Khan lecture.

When USC's star basketball player, Gabe Pruitt, hit the floor for a crucial game against U.C. Berkeley last year, he brought more baggage than he even knew. In the fashion of Dateline's "To Catch a Predator," Cal fans had posed as an internet-honey from UCLA, aptly named Victoria, who Pruitt agreed to meet once he returned to L.A. -- or so we can assume from Pruitt's words: "I want to c u so bad." Like many online relationships, this one didn't go well: Cal fans broke the bad news mid-game, chanting "Victoria" and reciting his digits throughout the game. Pruitt shot 3 for 13 and USC lost by 11 points.

2. The Georgia Tech Train Wreck School: Auburn Year: 1898

In the early days of college football, the preferred mode of transportation to away games matched the brawn of its athletes: the iron horse. For about a century, it became Auburn University's mission to reduce this brawn every time Georgia Tech came to town. Students ran grease across the tracks before and after the station platform the night before the game. Catching a greased pig is hard. Catching a greased locomotive is harder. The train flew past the stop year after year, leaving the Auburn opponents with a hefty warm-up as they trekked several miles back to the station.

In 1898, the administration threatened to expel whoever attempted to continue the greasing ritual. Teachers and the like camped out and supervised the tracks until swarms of students in pajamas and bathrobes emerged from the woodwork. Expulsion became impossible -- but the students were still intimidated. The tension released in the form of a friendly impromptu pep-rally that became a yearly tradition: the "Wreck Tech Pajama Parade."

1. The Great Rose Bowl Hoax School: Rose Bowl Year: 1961

Today, Caltech has no official mascot, much less a football team. But until 1993, the Rose Bowl was home to the mere technical school's football squad -- as well as the culminating event of college football. In 1961, a team of 14 students decided to capitalize on the event's irony by changing the University of Washington's flip-card stunt at half time.

A student disguised himself as an eager reporter from a high school newspaper and interviewed a cheerleader to get the details. They found that by surreptitiously altering 2,232 instruction sheets, the entire Husky fan section could be duped into displaying any pattern the "Fiendish Fourteen" desired -- without the crowd realizing it. They stole the instructions, printed modified copies, and replaced them.

On game day, the college card collage played out as expected for the first 11 patterns, lulling the crowd into a sense of security and drawing the lenses of (color) national television. Subtle alterations to the 12th pattern resulted in a Husky that looked an awful lot like a beaver -- the dam-building totem of many technical schools. The 13th stunt came off as a mistake: "HUSKIES" spelled backwards. And finally, the 14th stunt spelled "CALTECH," and it all made sense, casting silence upon the stadium for a few moments. Soon, laughter set in among the crowd and panic among the Washington cheerleaders, who cancelled the final stunt, which was wisely left unadjusted by the pranksters.



MULE OF THE WEEK

Name: The Mule, The Muhlenberg Mascot

Age: <162 years old

Position: Muhlenberg Mascot

Preceded by: A Cardinal

Hobbies: Attending Athletic Events, Eating Froyo

Interesting facts: Mules are highly intelligent and tend to be curious by nature. A mule generally will not let the rider put it in harm's way. However, the stereotype of the mule as being stubborn is somewhat unfair and inaccurate. Mules are sterile, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't use a backup method (that's what she said).

Muhlenberg hosts its own brand of Olympics

BY ALOTTA FAGINA
OLYMPIAN

Tired of being stuck within the Division-3 classification, the College decided to take athletics into their own hands by creating its own "Berg Olympics." This inter-sport competition allowed for students to compete outside of their areas of D-3 expertise in games typically found within college life. It was the D-2 outlier hockey players versus the wrestling team; the tennis pros versus the volleyball players. Each team selected their best player to take on the competition in a series of games. One of these competitors, volleyball teammate Brittany Williams spoke with the Weekly after taking home the gold trophy. When asked about her win in the Musical Parking event, Williams was filled with pride. "Wow, this is so big," (that's what she said) "I couldn't have asked for a bigger honor."

The College hopes to make the 'Berg Olympics an annual event, possibly holding tryouts for team representatives from fraternities and sororities, various academic departments, and staff members.

The results of this year's events are as follows:

Beer Bong

Winner: Baseball

Runner Up: Cross Country

Rock-climbing to the top of the Bell Tower

Winner: Track & field

Runner Up: Cheerleading

Library Paintball

Winner: Tennis

Runner Up: Field Hockey

Musical Parking

Winner: Volleyball

Runner Up: Basketball

Hide-And-Seek with Campus Safety

Winner: Soccer

Runner Up: Lacrosse

Human Catapult

Winner: Golf

Runner Up: Football

Capture the Team Captain

Winner: Soccer

Runner Up: Softball

Dodge the Sports Equipment

Winner: Lacrosse

Runner Up: Table Tennis

Drunk Kickball

Winner: Softball

Runner Up: Golf

Synchronized Breakdancing

Winner: Soccer

Runner Up: Basketball

Congratulations to all of the winners!



Above: Students take risks when going for the gold, both in Drunken Hide and Seek and Musical Parking

Baseketball; Fusion of 2 teams

BY WANDA RYDE
WEEKLY SPORTS STALKER

As we all know, the economy has been on a downward slope. Although the College has not been very affected in terms of cutbacks over the past year or so, the athletics department was subject to some of the few changes that the campus has seen. Sam Beidleman, the College's Athletic Director, had a very important decision to make at the end of the winter season: cut either the baseball and softball teams or cut the Men's and Women's Basketball teams from the athletic program.

Beidleman decided to compromise—by combining the basketball and baseball teams, we now have a mega sport: Baseketball. The same applied to the Women's basketball and softball teams. This sport will be both a winter and spring sport with a maximum of 30 players per team. Although this is a high number of participants, only three athletes are active during the game at any given time.

An offensive player may choose to throw their basketball from the free throw line for a single, from the top of the key for a double, and a basket from half court is a home run. As players make a basket, they advance to the next base as they would in baseball or softball. If a shot is missed, it is considered an out, and there are three outs per offensive up. Also, the player may not step over the respective line from which they are shooting or else it is considered an out.

There are usually two defensive players on the court at a time. The go-to move for a defensive player is known as the psyche-out. This tactic is used to break the shooter's concentration so that they miss their shot. There may be no physical contact made, but defen-

sive players may use any props or any other methods of distraction in order to encourage the failure of the offensive players on their shots. When the player shoots the ball and it hits the backboard without going in the basket, the ball is technically still in play. If either of the defenders tip the ball in at this point, it counts as a double play, assuming there is at least one runner on base at the time (in which case, the one furthest along is out). The defenders have to be in the air for the tip-in to count.

If each defender misses, any two offensive players can try to tip the ball in for a "conversion", whatever shot they were attempting counted as successful. Once again, they must be in the air when they try, and they only have two chances, one for each player. If they miss their two opportunities, it's then a free-for-all, with whoever gets the shot in getting the results, a double-play or conversion. Note that the ball has to touch the backboard with each shot for it to remain in play. If the ball touches a wall, the ground, or any player catches it and doesn't release it before landing on the ground, it is just a simple one-out play.

Lastly, a referee may give fouls if they deem a psyche-out as inappropriate: unfunny or malicious. The game



Above: Baseketball player soars to new heights.

PHOTO BY R2D2.

is played with 9 innings, just like baseball, and also has a half time like basketball.

Both the Men's and Women's teams are looking forward to the inaugural season of Baseketball. Head Coach Ron Rohn said of getting into the new sport, "Our players are really looking forward to getting some action and getting balls deep," to which assistant Coach Scott McClary snickered, "That's what she said."

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Alex Faust shatters yet another motherf%\$(@)^* record

BY MAXIMILIAN Q. SCHMEGMA
LIVE BEAR

Last Tuesday, Senior Track and Field Phenom Alex Faust surpassed her previous

personal best in the pole vault of 12 feet 7 and a quarter inches to accomplish something never before attempted in the Centennial Conference.

After strapping on her astronaut helmet and having her sister, Colette, check her oxygen pressure, Alex took one last look at Scotty Wood Stadium and then proceeded to jump over the moon. Colette explained that, "Alex normally can't get over the 170,000 feet mark to break through the stratosphere, but she was really feeling it today." Naysayers have criticized Faust's space voyage, asserting that she used an abnormally large pole for this feat.

Opposing CC teams have offered that once she returns to our planet, Faust should be tested for performance enhancers, as her height of 238,857 miles is apparently a bit above the average for the conference.

Faust's teammates were less than impressed with her thrust into the limelight, as they did not think that she needed to add another accolade to her athletic resume. Senior Caitlin Heffern felt that, "She's probably just doing this to get out of class and practice. It just isn't fair that she can work the pole so well," to which classmate Hayley Kreiger quickly added, "That's what she said."

Now stuck having been stuck in orbit for over a week, the issue of sustenance has certainly come into question for Faust, to which her sister explained that, "Alex uses photosynthesis to produce energy. She's not like you or me." We later learned that Faust in fact recently became autotrophic, requiring virtually nothing but sunlight for energy. It seems that Faust had decided to revamp

her metabolic processes after realizing that eating took up valuable time that she could be using the win more medals.

Athletes from all over the Centennial Conference are currently working diligently to match Faust's stellar performance. Two sprinters from Dickinson have been making great strides in breaking the sound barrier during the 55m. Shot-put is already being utilized as an effective method for sealing holes in the ozone layer. In addition, the Mules' own Bobby Torphy has recently employed his biochemical prowess to cure cancer while running a 2-minute mile.

It is unclear whether or not Faust was aware of how difficult it would be to reenter Earth's atmosphere. Already being the fastest, highest jumping dancer the world has ever known, Faust now has plenty of time on her hands for introspection re-

garding her future as she gently circles the globe. To no surprise, the Justice League has already offered the star athlete a position right out of college. Superman commented that, "Faust is the paragon of athleticism for mortal humans. She is a promising candidate for the League, and we look forward to seeing what she's capable of during our intramural softball games."

Even still, one is forced to wonder whether or not Faust's professors will excuse her from classes during her indefinite hiatus from academia.



Above: Senior Alex Faust realizes difficulties pole vaulting with no gravity

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Don't be a bitch, go out for quidditch!

BY ENRIQUE IGAYSIAS
WEEKLY LATIN FLAIR

As a majority Division 3 school, Muhlenberg has never been known as first and foremost for its athletics. Instead, it's often recognized for its ever-growing theatre program (or maybe even as one of the top ten whitest schools in the country) before for its soccer team. This year, however, the school has been blessed with a sport that combines athletics, theatrics, and a little bit of magic.

The Muhlenberg Quidditch team, which began with a few pick up games on the front lawn, has taken the school by storm. Tryouts alone flooded the stands in Scotty Wood Stadium, bringing students together across grades, genders, and majors. Largely due to the fundraising efforts of students, which included sales of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans and butterbeer kegs, construction workers have begun installation of three Keeper Hoops on either end of the Scotty Wood football field. This construction was planned for the upcoming summer term, but a giant rodent infestation outside of the former TKE house has ceased work on the former fraternity and allowed the goalpost installation to begin this week.

Along with this upgrade, which will allow for Quidditch tournaments to be held at the College, the team is hoping to make a few more improvements. For starters, some new technology currently being studied by the Physics department may entail flying broomsticks, as opposed to the team simply running around with sticks between their legs. The team captain theorizes that this newly-acquired flight prospect has been a big part of the recent increase in the team's popularity, stating that the bigger sticks

are known to attract attention. (That's what she said.) New uniforms of cardinal red and extra practices will hopefully help to intimidate opponents, the strongest of which come from Amherst, where the college level sport originated. Not to be forgotten are the newly established Moravian players, whose practices can be found repeatedly on YouTube.

Want to get involved? The Muhlenberg Quidditch Team is still considering an official mascot, with potential candidates including the house elf and the ever-intimidating thestral.



Above: Recent renovations to Scotty Wood Stadium

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Dance Emerge is a student choreographed dance show. The presentation showcases all different types of dance.

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Spring season yields record breaking track and field results for 'Berg athletes!

Sandellas, Bookstore close. New food option opens.

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

As part of the ongoing Seegers Union renovation and expansion, both Sandellas and the Bookstore will be closing. The Bookstore will be moved from its current location to the Red Door, making Sandellas inoperable. Improvements will be made in the Bookstore's current location so that the new kitchen above it can function appropriately. Both the Red Door and the Bookstore will be closed until the end of the semester.

While the Bookstore will be returned to its current location over the summer, Fri. April 23 will mark the last day that Sandellas will be open to the public. Sandellas, which was opened only a few years ago, has quickly become a favorite dining option on campus. On average Sandellas has approximately 2,000 transactions a week. In fact, Sandellas was opened as a solution to the high traffic issues in the Garden Room and the Generals Quarters. So how does the College plan to handle the change and ensure that this same problem does not repeat itself?

The answer is a brand new dining option that will be located outside, in the Parents Plaza. This new option is a red, mobile trailer that will offer several brand new menu options than anywhere else on campus. The trailer will be manned by hired staff and will mainly focus on burritos, quesadillas, tacos, and nachos. The trailer will have a soft, trial run opening on April 24 and 25. The trailer will have a full-blown, live opening on Mon., April 26 and will host the same hours as Sandellas did before. Conveniently for students, all of the trailers food options will be meal plan friendly.

The trailer option seems to be nicely timed to make its appear-

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The new dining option.

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Attending AIPAC

BY JANA ELFENBEIN
NEWS WRITER

On Sat., March 20, students from the College headed to Washington DC to attend the AIPAC Policy Conference. AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is America's leading pro-Israel lobby. It works with Democratic and Republican political leaders as well as students from all over the country to enact public policy that strengthens the U.S.-Israel relationship.

AIPAC has successfully helped politicians pass numerous laws that establish congressional support for Israel's right to defend itself against radical terrorist groups such as the Hamas and Hizballah.

It has also assisted in passing legislation that has forced the administration to assess all military sales to Arab nations in an effort to uphold Israel's qualitative military edge over impending enemies.

Of the 7,500 people from across the nation and internationally who attended the Policy Conference, over 1,300 were students representing nearly 200 colleges and universities from all fifty states. Additionally, there were 213 student government presidents who participated in the conference.

During the plenary sessions, notable speakers addressed the importance of a strong U.S.-

Israel alliance. These individuals included the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Harvard Law Professor and Israel Advocate Alan Dershowitz, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Lindsey Graham, Senator Evan Bayh, Former Commander of British Forces in Afghanistan Colonel Richard Kemp, Pastor DeeDee Coleman, and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

One of the main topics discussed during the conference was Iran's growing nuclear capability. Iran's nuclear weapons program demonstrates an authoritative threat to American national interests along with an existential threat to Israel. Despite being one of the largest producers of crude oil in the world, Iran lacks sufficient refining capability to convert oil into gasoline.

Both the House of Representatives as well as the Senate have passed multiple versions of the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act. Currently, they are both working on a single bill that can be presented to President Obama. This bill will impose sanctions on any company that provides gasoline to Iran.

It forces companies to choose whether they would like to continue business with Iran or with the United States; the

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Youth, media and the world

BY NICK MINNICH
NEWS WRITER

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Steve Goodman, founding director of the Educational Video Center, known as EVC, in New York City gave a lecture entitled "Beyond Voice: Youth Media, Critical Inquiry and Social Change" in Miller Forum.

Goodman founded the EVC over twenty years ago as an after school program for which students receive credit for their documentary work. The students, most of whom attend inner city schools, are presented with a hands-on learning experience that helps them to "really get excited about learning again."

"Documentary film creates openings for dialogue and social justice. I think what it can do is defamiliarize the familiar," said Goodman.

Goodman discussed how youth use media as a means to develop their creative and intellectual skills, as well as develop a commitment to social change.

Muhlenberg sponsors a program with this objective, the Healthy Youth Peer Education Program (HYPE). Goodman applauded the HYPE participants in attendance for their hard work.

Goodman supplemented his lecture with youth produced videos. In one video, science classrooms from two schools were contrasted. At one school, an unqualified teacher taught without resources. At the other, a qualified teacher taught with high-tech microscopes.

Although works such as these can inspire social change, Goodman admits that the production process is difficult. "It's important to hold onto your ideals. It is hard to do given these times. You are going against the grain."

The lecture was part of the Social Research Justice Conference, a series of events spanning April 8th and 9th. The purpose of SRJC is for students and faculty to share research on various social issues.

Goodman also attended multiple communications classes to speak with students about the ethical challenges present in creating a documentary. Students here at the College were able to learn about the challenges, and rewards, of producing your own influential work of media.

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Mule meal plan gone mobile?

We all recall frequently overhearing tour guides telling timid-looking perspective students about the 'diverse dining options' on campus. After a few years of 'diverse dining,' however, we are not alone in our doubts and complaints about the variety of food and nutrition available while on a campus meal plan. Our current dining services provider, Sodexo, ends its contract with us at the end of this year. Efforts have been made on the part of the College's administration to look into new providers, who are also consulting the students for their opinions via surveys about what they would like to see in dining halls next year. Amidst the Seegers' renovations and the recent controversy over the purchase of water bottles, many students have high hopes that they will return to an entirely new meal plan and set of options in the fall.

Although we have filled out the surveys and crossed our fingers for an on-campus Panera Bread, we can't help but wonder about the future fate of our stomachs. Sodexo is not definitely out of the running and could still potentially be renewed as our provider; it is currently in the running with two other candidates.

The College does seem to be willing to experiment in terms of dining options. Following the closing of Sandella's at the end of this month when the bookstore temporarily moves into the Red Door, an outdoor dining option will be offered to students. This new and innovative option comes to us in the form of a little red truck that reminds us just a little too much of a horse trailer. We're sure you've all at least heard about this new dining option, affectionately nick-named 'Mobile Mule,' (see the article on our front page!) but if you've read the article you've noticed that it will be offering something a little bit unexpected: tacos.

The 'taco truck' (another of what we anticipate will be many nick-names) actually seems to present a pretty decent array of options. With tacos, burritos, rice, and even churros, this dining option will allow for students to try something different for a few weeks without having to give it a permanent space in GQ. Although, it doesn't exactly sound like these tacos will help keep off the Freshman 15, hopefully in considering options for next year, the College will come to a compromise that will allow for healthy eating, fair pricing, and the occasional cheesy quesadilla.

Recycle EnAct

By MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

When will enough be enough? Where is the line that EnAct can't cross? How far until students stop being silent about this club's outrageous ability to force their agenda on the campus? The administration clearly refuses to take action to reign them in because students only complain to one another. This must stop.

EnAct is a club. It is not a legislative body like Student Government or a service organization with the community service office. Like all clubs, EnAct is a place for individuals to come together and participate in activities of interest and relevance to their club. One would expect that members of EnAct would organize trips to global warming lectures, spend a weekend picking up trash in a park, or hosting movie nights featuring films like Happy Feet. However, it is apparent that the main activity of the club is to force itself, and its mission, on the rest of the 'Berg campus.

By electing not to join a club, it means that you do not wish to participate in such activities. This does not seem to be an important issue for EnAct. Member or not, EnAct subjects you to its whims under its smug shield of being morally just.

We have seen EnAct's actions on campus and have complacently gone along. In our silence we have given it our permission to take whatever actions it desired regardless of who might be unhappy with it. I remember discovering in my freshman year that EnAct had set the public printers to only print double-sided. EnAct didn't seem to care that many professors refused to accept double-sided papers. I know the club had not asked Student Government to make the change. I wonder if it even got the permission of the Office of Information Technology to make the change?

Tray-less Tuesday followed, forever changing the culture of the Garden Room. Students across campus were unhappy with the change. No resolution was passed through Student Government to show student support for the change. In fact, there was even debate among Student Government Representatives to stop Tray-less Tuesdays. Now most students avoid eating their meals in the Garden Room on Tuesday nights. But, hey, at least EnAct is happy... even if it does come at the cost of its fellow students.

More outrage was heard from the Student Body over the Just-Tap-It Initiative from last year. Thanks to EnAct's campaigning in the Student Government, water bottles were banned from being "swipe-able" on campus. Even though half the student body signed the petition in support of Just-Tap-It there was still the other half of the campus to think of.

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A spineless U.S.



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

President Obama with an opportunity to either stand strong or give ground. When America's interests are on the line, it is best for the President to be straightforward and steadfast in dealing with other leaders.

The new nuclear arms reduction treaty calls for the U.S. and Russia to drop their weapons stockpiles by 30% from the amount of warheads discussed in the 2002 Moscow Treaty. There is nothing wrong with the goal of lowering the number of weapons possessed by both countries, but carrying out the treaty along with the Obama administration's recently released policy stance on nuclear weapons, also known as the Nuclear Posture Review, is a troubling combination.

Under the White House's current position on nuclear weapons, the United States will not go ahead with any future development or testing of new nuclear weapons. This refusal has come in direct opposition to the Secretary of Defense and several U.S. Senators. With an aging weapons supply, it is certainly time for the U.S. to revamp our defense capabilities, and the President should work towards ensuring our defenses are as modern and advanced as possible.

Supporters of the President's halt on weapons development might claim that making new weapons will only work

against the terms of the arms reduction treaty, but this does not have to be the case. As said earlier, taking steps towards decreasing the size of our arsenal is a positive way to go, yet at the same time we can improve and modernize our weapons stockpile within the agreed upon limits set by the treaty. Out with the old and in with the new, as they say.

As the current treaty and administration's policy currently stand, the U.S. appears to be allowing its national defense to atrophy for the sake of playing nice and dancing around tough international relations issues. The fact of the matter is we have relied and continue to rely on a highly modern and alert system of defenses which happens to include nuclear arms.

The President has described his plan as a way to push rogue, terror-sponsoring states such as Iran and North Korea farther away from their pursuits of nuclear weapons development. Will Russia and the U.S.'s most recent treaty really be that much of an incentive for Ahmadinejad and Kim Jong-il to back away from their destructive aims? They haven't stopped when the first START agreement and ev-

ery other nuclear arms reduction treaty were signed. They hold one simple, unwavering goal—making a nuclear bomb. We should not only consider Iran and North Korea in this discussion but also al-Qaeda and other established terrorist groups. Early this week, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton came to the conclusion that terrorists, specifically al-Qaeda,

were and have been on the hunt for a nuclear weapon. Well you don't say! So, how on earth would greatly reducing our nuclear defense capability and halting all further weapons development improve this unsettling reality? Going by this logic, if we put our weapons down then bin Laden

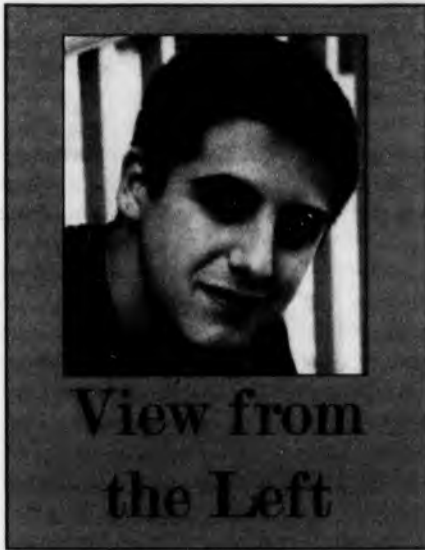
will surely tell all terror cells to lay their weapons down too. This hardly seems right, let's snap out of it. The wishful thinking that the President and his administration have adhered to could very well put our security at risk.

Instead of crossing their fingers and hoping unstable leaders play by the rules and listen to reason, the Obama administration ought to be pressing the Russians (and the Chinese)

*How was I going to take
seeing another new place,
and another new life,
when I had not even got-
ten used to this one yet?*

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America's gun fetish



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to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Organizations such as the National Rifle Association (of which I am a former member), the American Civil Liberties Union (of which I am still a member), and other pro-gun rights groups have taken this line and supported American's rights to own, sell, and use firearms. Moving beyond the problematic assumption that the Constitution is some holy document and inherently infallible, we can unpack why this sentence has been included in the Constitution and what its impact is today, all in hopes of figuring out how to stop gun violence domestically and abroad.

Imagine yourself back in 1774 when British troops marched into the homes of colonists to confiscate their firearms as the means to prevent an insurgency. In response, the colonists hid their weapons and eventually used them to win their independence. Although this is oversimplifying a long and painful war, we can see the connection between the forging of our soon to be empire and keeping our guns close to bay.

So what's the problem? The problem is not simply the fact that guns can be used to kill people (though that is kind of still part of the problem); it's that we've made guns more than an abstract symbol for our independence from an exploitative British empire. Guns are fun, sexy, powerful, and a sure sign of American nationalism (since the U.S. is one of two nations to explicitly allow guns in its federal constitution). This eroticization of firearms is not only hurting us domestically, but hurting the greater world abroad.

Last week I walked into work to have my friend and colleague whip out a squirt gun as if we were in a Clint Eastwood film. I immediately felt uncomfortable, not because of the fear of getting a little bit wet, not even for the fast and violent motions, but because the idea of shooting guns has evidently been so eroticized by our society that walking around and shooting people has become a joke. College Republicans, who gave out the guns in a campaign to support the 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, are not to blame for this institutionalized comfort with guns; it's a deep and twisted relationship with firearms that is only fortified by its inclusion in our outdated Constitution.

The U.S. Constitution states that a "well regulated militia, being necessary

Everything from our news, our movies, our cultural narratives, and even the toys that little boys are taught to play with has to do with guns. I remember my first toy gun, which I used for playing "war" with my older brother in the yard at my parents' home. I remember my super-soaker that resembled a futuristic rifle, and, more importantly, I remember the joy that it brought to those I squirted on a hot day. I remember my first bolt-action rifle that my grandfather left for me in his will that I received on my 15th birthday. And I still can recall the scent of black-powder from shooting my dad's 1790's replica musket during Spring Break. I know I am not alone, because according to the National Opinion Research Center, as of 2006, 21.6 percent of Americans owned guns. Some estimates are even greater than that, such as those of the esteemed criminologist Gary Kleck, who found the percentage to be closer to 50 percent.

The prevalence of guns in the U.S. is not necessarily unique; many Western nations have similar firearms per capita. What sets us apart is our violent use of guns. The U.S. is inextricably linked with gun violence. From the Columbine shootings to Moore's *Bowling for Columbine*, the world recognizes our gun fetish, and honestly they're a little freaked out. The rest of the world is upset, and they have every right to be. Our gun culture directly affects U.S. violence around the world.

The U.S. has an exploitative system

of upholding their status quo via the use and sale of guns and other weapons. First, the U.S. invents a new gun that makes their older models essentially obsolete. Then they take their old, less powerful guns and sell them to poorer nations that have turned to violence after generations of being screwed over by the West. Then the U.S. gets into a fight with these poorer nations over some resource that the U.S. feels it can take from them, because the U.S. has the power.

To do this, the U.S. uses their new and improved gun and other powerful weapons to take control of this poorer nation. With the money that the U.S. has usurped from this exploitative event, they invent and manufacture an even better gun, starting the whole cycle over. The institutionalization of this exploitative weapons dealing supports the established power inequality that privileges the U.S. and perpetuates its conflation with gun violence from a foreign viewpoint.

From the perspective of the average U.S. citizen, our gun culture is simply protecting our American way of life. The fact that we have hundreds of thousands of armed soldiers across the world is justified by television shows like *24* and essentially everything on the History Channel. It is time that we look at ourselves, our practices domestic and abroad, and our comfort level with guns as a way of realizing that we have made a machine for killing other humans a cherished household item.

Concert board: Help

BY PATRICK FLIGGE & ANDREW HORROW
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The Muhlenberg Activities Council and Concert Board need your help. The concert board is tasked with planning, developing, and executing the big spring concert every year.

This year we brought the band Gym Class Heroes to campus but, unfortunately, the show didn't bring us high attendance. While making a profit on a concert is not our primary concern, we are focused on putting on a fun, entertaining show and getting our money's worth.

The journey to Gym Class Heroes this year began last summer when the Class of 2013 came to campus for June Advising. We administered to this group a survey of music genres to help us focus our search for our musical act. We administered the same survey at the Fall Activities fair. Our data suggested overwhelmingly that the College students favored a pop or rock act. In late fall, the list of available spring artists came out. We first examined which bands we could afford, which limited our options.

Then, we used the data from these two surveys to determine which bands to include in our third round of surveys. This round included ten bands and was given to the members of the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC). MAC narrowed the ten choices down to 5, and these 5 bands were included in the survey distributed to the general student population. In the school wide survey Gym Class Heroes won with 67% of the votes. To the MAC Concert Board, survey data indicated that Gym Class Heroes would be a high-selling, well attended concert. We went 100% with the student body's choice of band.

Unfortunately, Gym Class Heroes did not sell well. We firmly believe that the spring concert is a tradition that should not be lost. In these difficult economic times, other schools are cutting their concerts out of the budget. We don't want this to happen to the College.

What students need to realize is how much time and effort goes into one of these concerts. This year's concert was well executed through the hard work of student workers, the Stu-

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Some students who signed the petition claimed that EnAct misrepresented the intention of the initiative. One of the signatures on the petition was even a Disney character.

Now there is "Portion Control" in the Garden Room. Last week, EnAct partnered with Sodexo to measure how much waste is manufactured in the Garden Room and how best to lower that waste. Without doubt this is a noble endeavor, but the manner in which EnAct went about measuring this waste was deeply unnerving. Once again EnAct failed to promote their latest endeavor, simply choosing to go ahead and change what they want regardless of informing their fellow students.

On the night of "Portion Control" students were swiped into the Garden Room without being told that anything was different. It is the most basic understanding that students pay for their meal plan knowing that when they swipe into Garden Room they will be greeted with an open, self-serve buffet of food. This was not the case.

The food was served in specific amounts to each student as if they weren't college students or legal adults, but instead infants who needed to be told what to eat. The intent was to limit the amount of food a person could get in one trip. EnAct representatives argued that you could still get as much food as you wanted, you would simply have to make another trip. However, they failed to take into account how much longer it took to get through the lines since the food was being served to the students. Since students were not told about this change, many students were forced to leave for night classes without the full meal they had planned on having.

Worse yet, EnAct members refused to let students put their trays and trash on the cleaning track, as is normally done. Instead students had to give their food to the

EnAct members, who would then scrape off any waste into the trash. Many of the students felt self-conscious about giving over their trays for fear of being judged for eating too much or too little. Not only that but any negative reviews of the program were hastily rejected by the EnAct representatives.

This is unacceptable behavior on the part of a club. As a club they do not have the right to impose their goals and values on the rest of the campus. While I do agree that being environmentally friendly is a value that everyone shares, I do believe that the efforts one puts into being "green" is a personal choice. If I wanted to be more environmentally friendly, I would have joined EnAct. However, I did not join EnAct and I am tired of being forced to experience their bullying tactics.

I do not see History Club trying to force *The Weekly* into running "This Week in History" every week. I do not see the Spanish Club forcing all students to speak a foreign language on Thursdays. I do not see the Asian Student Association removing all of the take-out menus from the Information Desk except for Hunan Garden. EnAct simply does not have the power to enforce their way of living on the rest of us. Just because they have a good cause does not give them any extra rights.

EnAct is a club and as such should focus on their own members. Leave the rest of us alone.

I have participated in EnAct activities in the past. I have donated to them and supported them regularly. Many of them are my friends. This article is not arguing that EnAct should stop trying to meet their goals. This is merely a plea for a club to reassess the manner in which they operate and to think of their fellow student more than they have in the past.

It is apparent that the main activity of the club is to force themselves... on the rest of 'Berg...

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to support tougher sanctions against Iran. This fiasco ignited by Iran has been going on for long enough. Economic sanctions targeting Iran's gasoline and refined petroleum supplies could prove to be a mildly effective method in comparison to the previously flimsy set of sanctions drawn up by the UN and the international community. The Russians have bluntly rejected this proposal based on a statement from Russia's deputy foreign minister, Sergei Ryabkov.

Hopefully President Obama used the time he spent with Russian President Medvedev to present the case for a new

course of action in response to Iran's threatening and erratic behavior. Caving in and making deals will only buy Iran more time and set the stage for a national security crisis. Any degree of wobbliness would be unwise at this point.

The chaotic state of the small, formerly Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan has been under-reported due to the high profile issues of nuclear weapons and Iran, but it is no less of an opportunity for President Obama to assert America's defense interests abroad.

The country plunged into political instability and a new "caretaker" government was established this past Thursday. There is an ongoing feud between the

sitting president, who was forced to flee the capital, and the opposition leaders. The current internal conflict has given rise to concerns over the Manas U.S. air base near Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Its continued operation or future closing is in question with the back and forth of political control in the country. This base serves as a critical midway and transport point for troops and supplies to and from Afghanistan therefore, the U.S. needs to keep it running. Russia made it clear that it will push the new Kyrgyz government to close Manas air base. This serves as yet another issue that Obama hopefully discussed with Medvedev and reiterated U.S. defense interests.

With so much to talk about, Obama could not have asked for a better time to meet with Medvedev. The President has tough issues to face while staring at potentially unwavering opposition, but this is exactly why our President needs to have a backbone of steel. So what's it going to be Mr. President?

Stand up to international, appeasement-favoring pressure or bend in which ever direction the wind is blowing. We should be stern in the face of a stubborn, radical enemy. Our self-defenses must not be allowed to crumble, Iran must be dealt with, with or without outside help, and our defense interests abroad have to be maintained.

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dent Activities Office, and the staff of the Life Sports Center. Some students spend the months leading up to the concert, as well as 22 hours the day of, to bring you these spring concerts. This is why we feel that we need your help rather than criticism of the band choice. Help us to come up with ways to select better bands.

MAC brings successful comedians, student performers, vendors like stuff-a-plush, and facilitates countless other events on campus. The spring concert should be the

culminating effort of this year long program of student activities. But to make the concert great, we need your support. If you have fresh ideas about how to make the spring concert better, come join MAC. We meet every Wednesday at 5 p.m. Questions can be addressed to PASTUDENTACTIVITIES@muhlenberg.edu.

Please join us for our MAC events including comedian Craig Robinson from Hot Tub Time Machine and NBC's The Office, who will be performing Tuesday April 20th at 10 PM. Admission is free with student ID.

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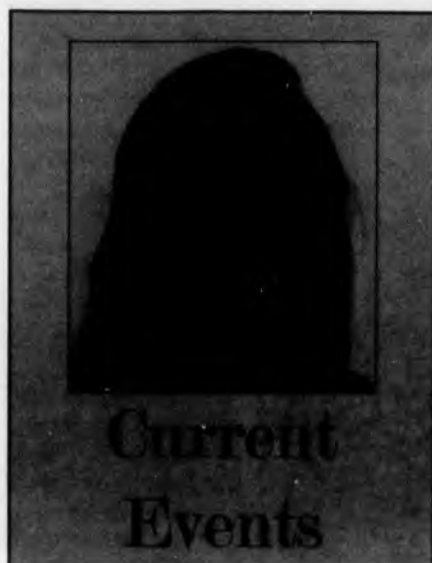
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Fire the Pope



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

of raping young boys. Many could not believe it, while others were not surprised. In the news being brought to the world's recent attention, those Priests who committed the crimes were not punished in any way. But why? Can the Pope be questioned in the court of law?

This week, it was announced that the Vatican has decided to overhaul its rules and regulations in regards to sexual abuse accusations. They claim that they have been trying to work on this form of legislation since 2001.

One specific case involves a Catholic priest located in Wisconsin who is accused of molesting hundreds of deaf children over a twenty year period. The Church claims they had no idea the incident happened until well after the matter.

Cases in Germany, Ireland, and Austria have been piling, greatly tainting the Vatican's image. Some say that this new doctrine that is being drawn up is only to make the media content, but it will not take any serious action.

Last month an article was produced which revealed that a Munich priest who was known to be sexually abusive was accused but still admitted to continue pasturing under the knowledge of the then Arch Bishop Benedict.

This case is the first known in relation to the now ordained Pope Benedict.

Why was this pope even chosen? There are hundreds of cases just as horrific that are expected to pop up in the

near future. Nearly every day another priest is accused of sexual abuse, though the papacy has been quick to cover up as much as they can. Hence, the new doctrine they are attempting to draw up.

In 2002 a scandal was brought to the public spotlight and ended with the church shelling out a whopping \$2.5 billion to victims of a Boston case.

However, the question still remains:

Should the current Pope Benedict along with thousands of accused priests be put on trial? My answer: Of

course! Simply because he was elected Pope should not exclude him from the law. It is disgusting and unacceptable that in this day in age religion can evade prosecution. And I do not care if other countries decide otherwise. Priests who commit crimes inside borderlines of the United States should answer to the United States. I am tired of hearing of cases that have been committed in the states but have been decided by the Papacy in Rome. The Vatican is in Rome! Would we let Israel decide a case in the United States? No! Just because it is the Catholic religion should not make a difference. Abortion rights for women have been lost, but a priest who rapes a woman cannot be prosecuted? Does this make

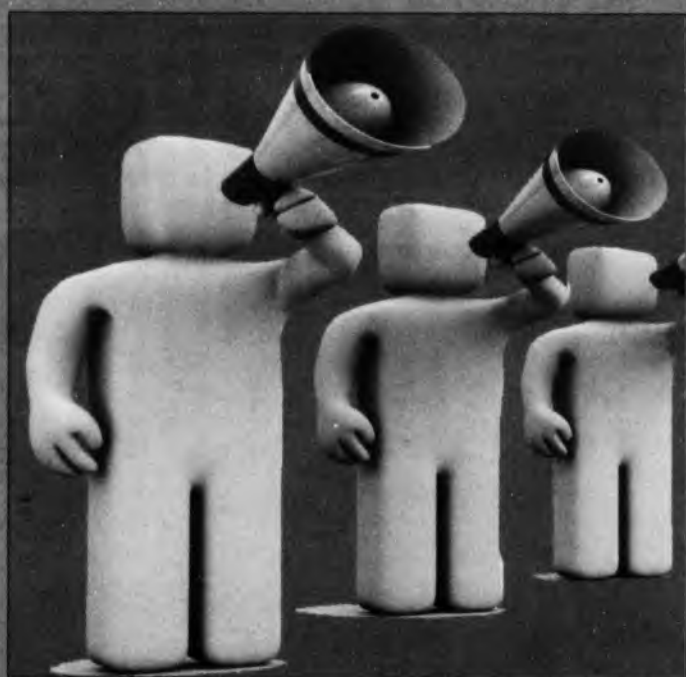
any sense?

I understand that religion and state are supposed to be separate entities. Don't get me wrong I believe they should be; however, when religion interferes with a minor who could not make a decision of his or her own, Church and State rightfully collide. It is not enough for 'God' to forgive a sinning priest.

Furthermore, Priesthood, like any other position, should be stripped of any priest who does commit such crimes. Should a priest get away with murder? If he can get away with

raping innocent deaf children, then he certainly could get away with murder. Rev. Thomas Doyle, a spokesperson for the Vatican is quoted in an article published about a month ago saying, "The only person who can fire him is God." Really? It is true that a Pope can resign, but it has not happened since the 16th century, and it is highly doubtful that one will ever resign again. Another issue is that according to the current rules of papacy, a Pope cannot be forced out of office. Hopefully the new guidelines that are now being revised by the Vatican will allow for a Pope to be taken out of office; however, whether or not the new rules will ever actually come about is still questionable.

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Alternative Spring Break: New Orleans

By JANA ELFENBEIN
News Writer

I never experienced as much spirit and hope in any one place than I did in New Orleans. Before attending the Alternative Spring Break 2010, I had never traveled to New Orleans. I was immediately taken aback by the continuous graciousness and appreciation that was extended to the group for all of our help in rebuilding the city devastated by Katrina.

As a group of seventeen Muhlenberg students, four Muhlenberg Staff members, one Dean of Students, and one college President, it was hard for us to walk around without being noticed. Some students had previous experience building for different community service projects, while others had never taken part in any aspect of construction. As I fell in the latter group, I was extremely anxious to find out the responsibilities that I would have during the upcoming week as well as eager to get started with the building process. During my week in New Orleans, I pulled up flooring, installed insulation, and ripped out window framing. It was a very empowering experience for all of us.

Contrary to some people's beliefs, we did not participate with Habitat for Humanity, rather we volunteered with the St. Bernard Project. Initiated by Zach Rosenberg and Liz McCartney, the St. Bernard Project was founded in March 2006 in an effort to create housing opportunities so that those survivors who were devastated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina could return to their homes.

As a nonprofit, community-based organization, the St. Bernard Project works to rebuild houses, counsel victims, and construct senior housing programs. After venturing on a trip to New Orleans in February 2006 to help deal with the aftermath of the storm, McCartney and Rosenberg were moved by the tragic stories they heard from the victims during their trip. They were determined to create a foundation that provided fundamental supplies and support to the families in an immediate, yet sustainable manner.

Since 2006, the St. Bernard Project has received honorable awards consisting of CNN Hero of the Year, the Manhattan Institute's Award for Social Entrepreneurship, and the Friends of New Orleans Hero of the Storm Award. However, McCartney and Rosenberg both stress that they would not be able to accomplish

all of this incredible work if it weren't for the support from over 15,000 volunteers and 5,000 donors.

We were fortunate enough to receive a private tour of the entire facility by Rosenberg. After that, we all attended a mandatory Orientation and learned how each one of us, as college students, can help make a difference. Additionally, we learned how we could individually influence the St. Bernard Project for the duration of this week as well as after we leave New Orleans.

On the first day of work, we were split up into two separate groups. I was selected to be part of the demolition group. Just the word demolition terrified me. I had no idea how to demolish a house, we all were assigned different tasks and did not stop working until lunchtime. I originally started working on ripping up the floor tile and once a few other members and I finished that, I helped out with taking down parts of the window roofing.

As each hour passed by I was extremely proud of all of the work that my group had accomplished, but at the same time, I was deeply saddened by the fact that we were demolishing a structure that was once someone's home. It was hard for us not to question who once lived here and to wonder where they were now.

The rest of the week we worked together as a group on the Major family's house. The Majors were just one of the families whose home was destroyed during Katrina. Even though chipping paint off of the side of the house was tedious, it was work that needed to get done. Without our help, progression on this house would have been delayed.

Besides chipping paint, we learned how to insulate the inside of the house by using tools such as exacto knives, staple guns, and tape measurers. In addition, some of us were lucky enough to learn the practice of dry walling.

Many of us were hoping that we would be able to meet members of the Major family so that we would be able to put faces to the family's name. As it turned out, Mr. and Mrs. Major and their 22-year-old daughter Teorenthia stopped by to see the progress we had made on their home. They were generous enough to share their stories with us and told us their truly harrowing tale.

We have all read about Katrina but to listen to someone tell you their story first hand was really moving.



'Berg students make repairs in New Orleans.

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The Majors were so appreciative of our work and all of us were so proud that we could help rebuild their home during our week with the St. Bernard Project.

We also received a tour of the levees. It was really interesting to learn about the levees and how they had such a negative impact on the city during the storm. According to Dr. Ray Seed, Geotechnical Engineering, University of California Berkeley, "The failure of the levees was the worst engineering disaster in the world since Chernobyl."

I was surprised to find out that the massive flooding in the St. Bernard parish was not the result of the weather, but rather a civil engineering catastrophe. This Alternative Spring Break trip was both emotionally and physically draining; however, it was the most incredible experience ever. I learned more than I would have ever imagined and I cannot speak highly enough about my experience in New Orleans.

After an entire week of building, bonding, and Bourbon Street, we headed back to Muhlenberg, forever changed as individuals with the motivation to spread the word.

If you are interested in helping out visit the St. Bernard Project's website at <http://stbernardproject.org/v158> and or text "NOLA" at 50555 and a donation will be given to the St. Bernard Project.

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bill does not allow the company to conduct business with both countries. As such, AIPAC ruthlessly informed its Policy Conference attendees of this pressing issue and the importance of advising their congressional representatives to pass legislation that would impose economic sanctions on Iran.

In addition to listening to the recognized speakers during the morning plenary sessions, the students attended small breakout sessions in the afternoon, each focusing on different topics pertaining to the current state of Israel. During the first breakout session, an AIPAC lobbyist discussed advanced lobbying techniques.

The speaker had been lobbying on Capitol Hill for twenty years and presented a Power-Point on the most effective methods of lobbying. Another breakout session focused on the topic of Global Jihad and the rise of the extremist Islamic movement.

There were also student presenters at the conference. A group of students from Harvard spoke of how they were motivated from the previous Policy Conference to try and change investment policies at their school. Seeing as Harvard maintains investments linked to Iran, this group of students worked on a divestment campaign and their challenge to Harvard's current investment will be heard this spring.

These students, along with other AIPAC speakers, encouraged all of the students to become active in the political process by contacting our congressional leaders, to speak up in our communities when needed, and to know that all of us can produce change.

Over five hundred lobbying appointments were conducted throughout the course of the day on Capital Hill.

On the final day of the conference, delegates met with their Congressmen and Senators to discuss the imperative US-Israel issues that were addressed throughout the conference. Over five hundred lobbying appointments were conducted throughout the course of the day on Capital Hill.

Activists addressed three main issues: to assist for economic sanctions on Iran, reaffirm the U.S.-Israel relationship, and support foreign aid to Israel.

Most significantly, however, is the fact that President Obama requested three billion dollars in security assistance for Israel for 2011. This marks the third year of a ten year U.S.-Israel security arrangement that was signed in 2007. This was initiated as a way to increase the United States assistance to Israel in an effort to terminate threats of terror from Iran.

As a student it is really empowering to sit with elected official face-to-face and speak with them, often educating them, about important issues. And seeing results of what you have been a part of, such as the security assistance request from our president, makes it all worthwhile and completely fulfilling.

Attending AIPAC's policy conference was a truly transformative experience. It was an indescribable feeling to be in a room full of so much aptitude, drive, and leadership. I encourage all of you with an interest in politics, American foreign policy, Israel, and political activism to think about attending next year's conference.

This was my first policy conference, but definitely not my last.



Students pose for a photo with AIPAC leaders.




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Secretary of State Hilary Clinton at AIPAC.

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Weekend Weather

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Thunder Storm	Cloudy	Cloudy
High: 67 Low: 48	High: 57 Low: 43	High: 60 Low: 43

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ance just as the Allentown weather warms up. Students are sure to enjoy being able to experience sitting outside and having a food option so conveniently located. The location has also been nicely chosen so as to appear just as appetizing as vendors in New York City, in ball-parks, and courtyards across the country.

The trailer option also opens the door for other uses that should please students. In the fall, when the Red Door reopens with a new dining option, the trailer could be moved to sports games beyond the football field. It could also add to events like Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

For your convenience we have provided the menu for the latest dining option below. Feel free to take a quick peek and see what you might like.

Burrito Chicken Burrito Beef Burrito Vegetarian Burrito All Burritos come with tortilla chips, fresh made salsa and a fresh lime wedge	Double Taco Chicken Taco Beef Taco Fish Taco Vegetarian Taco All Double Tacos come with tortilla chips, fresh made salsa and a fresh lime wedge
Quesadilla Chicken Quesadilla Beef Quesadilla Vegetarian Quesadilla All Quesadillas come with tortilla chips, fresh made salsa and a fresh lime wedge	Nachos Nachos with Cheese Nachos with Beef All Nachos come with Sour Cream and Salsa
Single Taco Chicken Taco Beef Taco Fish Taco Vegetarian Taco All Single Tacos come with tortilla chips, fresh made salsa and a fresh lime wedge	Sides Refried Beans Mexican Rice Guacamole Salsa Sour Cream Dessert Churros

The 11th Mr. Muhlenberg crowned

By ALANA STANFORD
News Writer

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24, the 11th annual Mr. Muhlenberg competition was planned and sponsored by the Class of 2011. Mr. Muhlenberg, a long standing tradition at the College pokes fun at the Miss America pageant and other stereotypical beauty contests. The version here on campus involves male students who are nominated by the student body. From the hundreds of men nominated, a panel of students and administrators narrow down the list through a series of interviews intended to find candidates the represent true 'Berg spirit.

In the past the number of participants has ranged from 8 to 12 students. In its 11th rendition the pageant was filled out by 8 participants from all classes. These 8 daring souls included Adam Rogers '10, Teddy Lytle '10, Sam Koch '11, Mike Bloom '11, Brian Gaudet '11, Marc Brookland '12, Jeremy Arnold '12 and Jimmy Morgan '13. Both senior participants, Adam Rogers and Teddy Lytle, returned to the event after losing their freshman year bid for the title. Usually previous contestants are not allowed to compete for a second time, but after years of campaigning the pair managed to successfully convince this years committee to let them have one final shot at becoming the reigning Mr. Muhlenberg. "Mr. Muhlenberg - besides being a poop load of fun - is a true reflection of our campus community and the bonds made from all walks of life," said Rogers.

The hosts for this years Mr. Muhlenberg were Rachel Marlowe

'10 and Mike Miller '10. "The support that this event gets rivals every other campus-wide event, and there is always entertainment to be had. Hosting was a blast!" said Marlowe. While Marlowe is well known for her success in beauty pageants, Miller was a relatively surprising choice. Nevertheless, the pair pulled off an exciting evening of events! They were aided by free product taste-testing and giveaways before the show from Naked Juice and Pepsi. In fact, Pepsi even gave away three 50 dollar gift cards to Amazon.com and a free watch.

Overall, this year's Mr. Muhlenberg included some of the most stand-up-and-cheer moments in the pageant's history. Mike Bloom's Lady GaGa impersonation was easily the best stunt of the night. The moment the song seemed to go on too long, Bloom began crawling across the stage or high-kicking our attention right back where it belonged: on him. Marc Brookland may have lost points with us for repeating Joel Reitz's opera performance from last year, but he made up for it with his lack of clothing. Adam Rogers wowed the crowd with his "Will You Be There" performance to save the whales.

Jeremy Arnold deserved to place in the top three after his amazing dance performance that he choreographed himself. The rap from Sam Koch had us singing "Don't taze me, bro" all the way back to Seegers. While Teddy Lytle and Brian Gaudet underwhelmed us with their talents, we held a special place in our hearts for Jimmy Morgan, the only freshman contestant, who managed

to hold his own against some of the College's most entertaining personalities.

The judges' panel included Christine Lake, Assistant to the Director of the Student Union; Mike Bruckner, Vice President of the College; Chris Borick, Political Science Professor and Aaron Bova, Associate Director of Housing Services. While the judges are charged with ranking the contestants and determining the winner, some of the judges appeared reluctant to complete their job description. At one point in the show, Aaron Bova felt it necessary to hide beneath the judges booth. Christine Lake, in a highlight of the evening, admitted a certain "soft spot" for information desk employee Jimmy Morgan.

In a strange turn of events, the judges only named a first place and a second place winner. In an upset, Mike Bloom won the crown over the veteran Adam Rogers. No third place winner was announced - a first in Mr. Muhlenberg history. The Weekly has exclusively learned that there was in fact a tie between Mike Bloom and Adam Rogers, with Sam Koch earning third place. In a last minute, tie-breaking decision, the judges decided to award the title of Mr. Muhlenberg to Bloom.

"Overall the Committee really came together to do this show right. I'm so pleased at the response we've gotten," said Amanda Palmer, Chair of the 11th Annual Mr. Muhlenberg. "Our contestants and hosts contributed personality, flavor and Muhlenberg spirit to the event. I am proud to say I worked on this amazing piece of 'Berg culture."



Sam Koch performs his rap for the judges.

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Mike Bloom being crowned Mr. Muhlenberg.

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Jeremy Arnold dancing with Mint*.

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Mar. 23 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of napkins and trash found on the first floor. In the fourth floor men's bathroom, urine was observed on the floors, walls, etc., and in the fourth floor lounge, papers and wrappers were strewn everywhere. Referred to Residential Services.

Mar. 23 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – At 414 Albright St., there was a report of marijuana and drug paraphernalia found in a room. The items were placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 24 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via cell phone from a non-student. The victim was advised to contact their cell phone provider.

Mar. 24 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In Robertson Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of marijuana and drug paraphernalia found during a fire drill. The items were placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 25 – Found Property – In the Prosser Hall parking lot, there was a report of a found bag of marijuana. The item was placed in the evidence locker.

Mar. 27 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 407/409 N. 23rd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Officers spoke with the individual and music was turned down. There was no further incident.

Mar. 27 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department also responded along with Campus Safety. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued from the College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 27 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of an individual seen urinating outside while responding to a noise complaint in the area. Allentown Police Department responded. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 27 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On N. 26th St., there was a report of two flat rear tires to a vehicle. A message was left with the owner of the vehicle to call Campus Safety to determine if the tires were vandalized or had air loss. The owner has yet to contact Campus Safety.

Mar. 28 – Vehicle Violation (Excessive Speed) – On the back drive, there was a report of reckless driving. Allentown Police Department stopped the vehicle a few blocks away and identified the driver. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 28 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A beer funnel was found in the room. The item was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 28 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of trashing on the second floor hallway. Bananas, trash, and cups were found in the first floor common area. Referred to Residential Services.

Mar. 28 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a College owned vehicle. South Whitehall Police responded and Cetronia EMS also responded. One person was taken to the hospital.

Mar. 29 – Larceny/Theft – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of theft from Generals Quarters. The individual was identified and spoken to. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Mar. 31 – Institutional Vandalism – In Ettinger, there was a report of vandalism to grass by a vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 1 – Found Property – In Ettinger, second floor, there was a report of a found mp3 player. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner is unknown at this time.

Apr. 1 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of trashing. Popcorn was strewn all over the second floor common room. Suspects were identified and spoken to. Referred to Residential Services and the Dean of Students.

Apr. 1 – Hit and Run – On N. 26th St., there was a report of vandalism to a grass area of a neighbor by a food delivery truck. A Campus Safety officer spoke with the homeowner. Allentown Police Department also responded. The investigation was turned over to the Allentown Police Department.

Apr. 1 – Fire/Safety Violation – At Phi Sigma Sigma, there was a report of smoke in the house

from a plate left on the stove. Plant Operations were notified and responded with fans. A work order was submitted for replacement of a drip plate and burner. There was no further incident.

Apr. 1 – Trespassing – On Chew St., there was a report of skateboarders on property. A Campus Safety officer identified the individuals and a letter of trespass will be sent.

Apr. 1 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of drug paraphernalia and a smoke detector covered during a break check. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. A Fire Safety Violation fine will be sent. A follow-up with the resident will be done after break. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 1 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – At 2202 Gordon St., there was a report of alcohol and fire safety violations found in rooms during a break check. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. A follow-up will be done with the resident after break. Fire Safety Violation fines will be sent. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 1 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – At 2259 Turner St., (building #1, first floor), there was a report of an alcohol violation. A beer ball was found in the room during a break check. The item was placed in the evidence closet. A follow-up will be done with the residents after break. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 2 – Social Code Violation – In the sorority parking lot, there was a report of a student who lives off campus seen throwing garbage into a College dumpster. The individual was identified and spoken to by a Campus Safety officer. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 5 – Disruptive Conduct – At 321 N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police Department responded. Upon arrival, several containers of alcohol were found and confiscated. Referred to the Dean of Students. A student was arrested for having an open container.

Apr. 6 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to the back of a chair. There are no suspects at this time. The cost

to replace the chair is \$150.

Apr. 6 – Larceny/Theft – At 411 N. 23rd St., there was a report of theft of copper from a residence. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations was notified and will replace the copper.

Apr. 6 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On the front drive, there was a report of a minor motor vehicle accident involving a College vehicle. Parties exchanged information. There was no further incident.

Apr. 6 – Security Breach – On campus, a reporting party reported a possible compromise of a College email account. The incident was also reported to the Moore Township Police for investigation. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 6 – Injured Student – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of an injured student. A Campus Safety officer transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 7 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Prosser Hall, second floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival, a Campus Safety officer could not find anything that would have activated a detector. A Plant Operations' electrician was notified to respond and check the detector. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 8 – Check the Welfare/Locate – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a call made to 911. Upon arrival, the student reported that no one had called 911. The Office of Information Technology was notified to check the problem with the phone line.

Apr. 8 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of excessive trash in the common room on the fourth floor and hallway including empty bottles and boxes. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 8 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On the Prosser drive, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving construction vehicles. There was damage to the driver's side door to a van. The parties exchanged information.

Apr. 9 – Institutional Vandalism – In Martin Luther Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism to a vending machine. There are no suspects at

this time. Plant Operations was notified to respond and clean up the glass. The vending company was called to send someone.

Apr. 10 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of an individual found with drug paraphernalia. A homemade bong device was found. The item was placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 10 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. Allentown Police Department responded. Two students were arrested by Allentown Police Department for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 10 – Statutory Rape – Off campus, a Jane Doe made a report of an alleged rape that occurred at an off campus property in the early morning hours of April 10. The suspect is a student and is known to the victim. An email notification was sent to the Campus Community.

Apr. 10 – Disorderly Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a large party and backyard fire in the 300 block of N. 22nd St. Allentown Police Department requested Campus Safety to respond. Incidents occurred at two separate locations. The fire pit was extinguished. Disruptive Conduct Reports will be issued by both the City of Allentown and Muhlenberg College. Students are reminded that fire pits are prohibited in the City of Allentown. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 11 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, there was a report of excessive trash. The fourth floor lounge had paper and cans strewn everywhere. The third floor had vomit and in the second floor men's bathroom there was vomit. Housekeeping was notified. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 11 – Flames/Smoke Visible – At the Egner Memorial Chapel, there was a report of a fire that occurred. It appears that tea lights flared up and over heated their tin holders causing charring to the wood floor. Soot was on the back of the pew and on some books. Several messages were left with individuals for the purpose of obtaining information. It was believed to have occurred as part of an event. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

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"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

- Anonymous

Dance Emerge showcases student choreographers' talent and ideas

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

Accessible, diverse and dynamic, "Dance Emerge 2010" will be a unique and exciting experience for dancers and audiences alike, according to Katie Fierro '11, one of 11 student choreographers whose work the concert will showcase.

The performance will include a diverse and playful selection of different genres, including hip-hop, modern, contemporary, pointe, and experimental movement. It showcases pieces by up-and-coming student choreographers, under the guidance of dance faculty mentors, and with the artistic direction of faculty member Corrie Franz Cowart.

"Dance Emerge 2010" will be a concert like Muhlenberg has never had before," Fierro says. "It really caters to Muhlenberg students and what they want to see. As choreographers, we're taking what we've learned in our academic classes and taking it to a new level. This is a very accessible concert that even non-dancers will appreciate."

The show features 10 pieces created by 11 choreographers and performed by a cast of more than 50 dancers. Each piece has a different feel and is influenced by real-life experiences, myths, songs, and topics the participants have explored in their liberal arts classes. Themes include breast cancer, societal baggage, technology, religion, and the concept of authority. The intent is to push the audience to question many aspects of real life through the artistic medium of dance.

In her piece titled "PDA's," Fierro plays with how different personalities approach and pursue flirting. In her work, she explores this coming-of-age ritual, along with the different emotional and psychological barriers that can impede flirting, including shyness, embarrassment, and low self-esteem. The piece examines the process of gaining the self-confidence needed to overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of successful flirting.

Fierro says the inspiration for her choreography often comes from her dancers, as each brings her own personality and artistry to her role. She also advocates using improvisation to inspire new movement phrases.

Laura Baehr '12 and Krista Bacchieri '12 are choreographing a duet staged around a bench. The bench symbolizes technology and its double function as both a barrier and a bridge in their interactions between each other.

"It's all about the bench," Baehr explained, "The bench represents our relationship, so we started playing with different ways to move it, to create a more interesting dynamic."



Olivia Wingerath and Meghan Meenan in "Revealed Mechanics" which they choreographed.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW WRIGHT

Baehr explained how, in today's world, technology shapes who we are as it provides the means for easy communication, yet also contributes to a growing sense of isolation. This idea was inspired by her "Bodies of Knowledge" sociology class. Baehr and Bacchieri have applied the theories they explored in class to their choreography, turning their work into a social commentary piece. Baehr explained that she uses dance to explore what she is learning in class.

"There's a lot of thought — I don't even know if that could be a type of dance, but it's like thought dance," she says. "There's a lot of intellectualized movement."

In direct contrast to Baehr and Bacchieri's duet, Kadeem Alston-Román '12 has a large cast of 13 dancers. Alston-Román explained that having such a large cast has been a challenge for him, but rewarding, as he has received feedback and inspiration from his dancers' movement.

Alston-Román initially found the inspiration for the theme of his piece from the song "Sinnerman" by Nina Simone, with its chorus of "Sinnerman, where you gonna run to?" He found a techno remix of this song to add more of a contemporary feel.

While listening to the song, he began to play with the idea of the seven deadly sins — pride, greed, sloth, gluttony, envy, lust, and wrath. In his piece, titled "Tempted... Are You?" he plays with the counter-pull between the seven sins and their power to influence humanity.

Every dancer moves differently, and that is perfect for Kadeem's piece, as he really wants to emphasize the distinctions among the seven sins. His piece could be classified as modern, but each of the sins has a distinct and stylized movement, and the two dancers portraying lust will actually be performing en pointe.

AlexJo Natale '12 found the inspiration for her piece "doublezero" from an improvisation exercise in which she played with numbers and found that there was a connection between her body and the number zero. She explained that her piece explores the conflicting sides of zero — the emptiness element and the fullness element — and how there are two sides to everything in life.

Since Natale's choreography is an abstraction of a number that represents "nothing" yet is the foundation for everything, she uses gestures such as open and closed hands to represent the two themes she wants to convey. In order for her work to embody these conflicting sides, she has one dancer who actually represents the number zero, three to represent the emptiness, and another three to represent the fullness. The paradox between the two sides becomes a struggle embodied by the principal dancer, who represents the number and her subsequent realization that she can never completely belong to one side, as some part of herself always belongs to the other.

Other featured choreographers include Jeremy Arnold '12, Emily Daly '10, Maggie Griffin '11, Aubrey Kupstas '10, Lynn Lisella '11, and Ashley Sleeth '11.

Dance Emerge 2010 promises to be a fun, intriguing, and thought provoking performance that will resonate with everyone. The show aims to provide a unique outlook on the wider world by merging dance and real life into a conscious whole.

Performances are April 22-25, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Campus tickets are \$7. Stop by the box office Monday through Friday noon to 6 p.m. for tickets.



Dana McGowan (top), Ellen DiStefano, Erika Samsky, Christine Marty, Kelli-Anne Yamane, Rebecca Glassman, and Celine Marty (l-r) in "The Repose of Souls" choreographed by Samantha G. Jonson.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW WRIGHT

An interview with Gym Class Heroes

BY JILLIAN BEVAQUA
MANAGING EDITOR

were voted on by students out of a pool of five potential bands to lead the concert in Memorial Hall. After months of planning on the part of the MAC Concert Board, Gym Class Heroes and their opening band, the local Sandlot Heroes, put on an entertaining and interactive show for roughly three hundred students and local attendees.

The band, whose members were quite grateful to the students and staff who had helped to plan and set up for the concert, met with MAC before the concert and even spent some time signing autographs and shooting hoops with students. They were incredibly relaxed all day, opting to head over to Woody's for pizza before the concert began. Gym Class Heroes members Diashi Lumumba-Kasongo and Matt McGinley took some time out of their warm-up

schedule to sit down with the *Weekly* and answer a few questions.

McGinley, who has been the Gym Class Heroes' drummer since the band began in 1997, answered the telltale question of where the band's name came from. The question sparked a story, along with a few of the other potential band names that were discussed over a decade ago. The idea for 'gym class heroes' actually came from McGinley and lead singer Travis McCoy's school days of participating in gym class together. They thought back to their days of watching 'those kids' who would always go over the top during class, participating in everything and having to walk around sweaty the rest of the day: the heroes of the gym class.

The history of the name itself says a lot about the band, who strives to be a little bit out of the box. Lumumba-Kasongo, the guitarist and vocalist who joined the band

Sun., Mar. 28 marked the College's annual spring concert, sponsored by the Muhlenberg Activities Council. This year's headliners, Gym Class Heroes,

after attending school at Cornell University for almost four years, also explained that the band tends to bridge typical genre types. The two band members agreed that if they had to classify themselves as one genre, it would be hip hop, but they admittedly "flirt with other genres." They get their influence from a number of diverse bands,

and expressed interest in one day collaborating with bands like Bloc Party and Muse. Gym Class Heroes has already collaborated with artists such as Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy and Estelle in order to create some of their catchy tracks.

The future of Gym Class Heroes currently involves working on a new album. When asked about what to expect from a band known for doing the unexpected, Lumumba-Kasongo explained that a lot of maturation has gone on since their last album. "Music is an expression of what's going on inside of you," he said. He and McGinley agreed that the band doesn't really think about their final 'sound' when they are working on the songs.

It isn't important for them to think about their music as a

type; they're "just making songs." To quote one of their already released tracks that was played at the concert, as McCoy says, "I never claimed to be an angel, I'm just making music. Something a little different, you can bob your head to it."

His fellow band members would agree that it really is about one song at a time, and the experiences that come with them. After sharing some of their favorite on stage and on tour moments, Lumumba-Kasongo and McGinley explained that one of the most rewarding parts of their job is hearing from fans who have a true appreciation for what they do and are touched by their music. Both are clearly devoted to their craft, and as was evident by the practically permanent smile on McGinley's face throughout the Gym Class Heroes' entire performance, they enjoy every minute of it. "To me," McGinley told the *Weekly*, "Gym Class [Heroes] feels like home."



MAC Concert Board poses with the Gym Class Heroes members before the concert.

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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl-

So like, I don't know why I'm gonna tell you, but maybe you and your weird panda-obsession can help. I came out to a friend of mine not that long ago. I mean, I always thought he already knew, because lots of people know, though I don't go around yelling it. But apparently he didn't know already. I thought he'd be the kind of dude that'd be okay with it, but ever since I told him, he's been treating me real weird. I'm not sure how to like bring it up again, since he's been kinda avoiding the subject, and avoiding me all together. So, panda weirdo, what should I do?

-Out of the Closet

Dear Out of the Closet,

First off, I congratulate you for feeling confident enough in yourself to come out and declare your identity despite any negative connotations society has about it. Now, this is not an uncommon occurrence, unfortunately. Try taking your friend aside, one on one, and asking why they have been acting odd. Word it gently, as it may be that the other person is unaware of their reaction. Perhaps they're distracted or worried about something else unrelated. If it is related to your recent confession,

ask what it is specifically they are uncomfortable with. Perhaps you can enlighten your friend that being homosexual does not mean you are any different than the friend you always have been. Most of all, be that same friend. If you treat your friend the same way as always, they will see that nothing has to change about your friendship. Contact me again and tell me how this conversation went, and if you have any more questions or concerns on how to follow up this subject. Best of luck to you.

-The Panda Girl

Advice of the week-

THE TIME IS NOW. Time for what? Time to start thinking about summer plans! Not involved in SMT like you wished? Didn't get that internship you hoped for? Apply for a summer job NOW. Even a simple job at a CVS can earn you extra cash useful. Many large companies have an application process on their website, where you can apply for a specific location on their main website. I know for a fact that CVS, Walgreens and Rite Aid all do this. If possible, take a weekend trip home and get some applications done now to beat the rush.

Relationship Woes? Roommate foes? Send any questions or Concerns to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to campus box 2072.

R.I.P. Brittany Murphy (Nov. 10, 1977-Dec. 20, 2009)

BY TORIE PAONE
LIFE ASSISTANT EDITOR

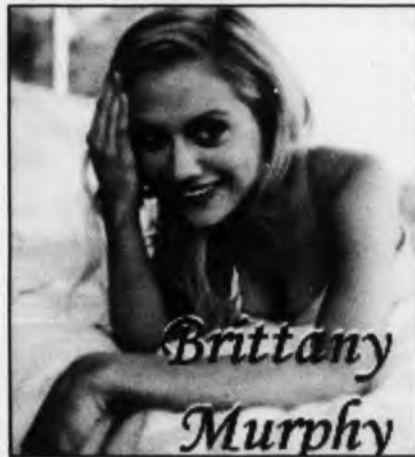
Whether you
remember
her for

her role as a quirky teenager in *Clueless*, a crazed mental patient in *Don't Say a Word*, or an adventurous newlywed in *Just Married*, everyone should take a minute to acknowledge the variety of talent this particular actress possessed. She made men sweat as she sizzled in her role as a barmaid in *Sin City*, she touched everyone's heart in *Uptown Girls* as her character, Molly, crossed the bridge from childhood into adulthood as we all must do, and provides great depth in her role as the abused and molested Daisy Randone in *Girl, Interrupted*.

Brittany Murphy invested herself in all her roles, which was shown by the reaction of the audience every time she appeared on the silver screen. They laughed out loud as she attempted to strut in her heels with a thick New York accent as Ty in *Clueless*, they drooled as she revealed her sexy body and dance moves as Shellie in *Sin City*, and they cried as they watched her fragile body quiver in a mental institution fighting to overcome her eating disorder as Daisy in *Girl, Interrupted*. Although Brittany is most known for her darker roles, she added an uncanny amount of light and laughter to the people surrounding her on and off the set.

According to TMZ, Ashton Kutcher, her former fiancé and co-star twittered shortly after her unexpected death saying, "today the world lost a little piece of sunshine". She was always caught on camera or in pictures with a glowing facial expression that displayed her gorgeous smile and warm heart. She would always gush about her husband and family whenever asked about them in interviews and she showed great dedication towards her family and friends.

While she was born Brittany Bertolotti in Atlanta, Georgia,



Brittany Murphy in the prime of her life.

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she was raised in Edison, New Jersey. When she grew up she changed her name to Brittany Anne Murphy, taking her mother's maiden name instead of her father's last name. Brittany had an estranged relationship with her father. They stopped talking in 2006 and hasn't repaired their relationship before her death in December 2009. This is said to be because of his ties to the mafia and his time served in prison. As a result of this estrangement, she became extremely close with her mother. As she has stated in the past "home is where my mom is". She brought her mother with her wherever she was filming and her mother lived with her in the house where she was found dead in the shower. She always took care of her mother, especially when it came to

her mother's battle against breast cancer. Brittany helped her mother achieve a state of remission. It is stated in her will that all of her assets are to be left to her mother.

Brittany also left behind a husband of two years. She married Simon Monjack, a screenwriter, in a small Jewish ceremony in May of 2007. From the looks of her pictures and interviews she was very happily married and anxious to start a family when the right time presented itself. While she has been shortly engaged to two other men prior to meeting Monjack, she seemed happy in her choice of marriage to Monjack. He was devastated with the reports and news that Brittany died of an illegal drug overdose and was relieved when the toxicology report came in officially stating the cause of death of Brittany.

She died on December 20, 2009 after suffering cardiac arrest at her home in Los Angeles, California at age 32. The official report stated her death as the cause of a combination of pneumonia, anemia, and prescribed drugs. The world lost not only a unique and talented actress, but also a ray of sunshine.

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Weekend Listings



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Fri. 1:40, 4:10, 6:50
Sat. 1:15, 4:10, 6:50
Sun. 10:30, 1:15, 4:10

Kick-ass

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 1:00, 4:20, 7:20

Clash of the Titans

Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:45, 4:40, 7:10

Death at a Funeral

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 2:50, 5:20, 8:00

How to Train Your Dragon

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:00

The Bounty Hunter

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
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A piece of Greece: wicked sweet and down the street



A Taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS &
MELISSA GOLDENBERG
LIFE COLUMNISTS

Looking for amazing Greek and Middle Eastern food without having to travel halfway across the world? How about without even traveling halfway across Allentown? Right down our very own Liberty Street, Muhlenberg Students can find delicious and cultural food with low prices to boot! Gyros Queen, located on 1601 West Liberty Street, is a wonderful dining destination quietly tucked around the corner of a simple strip mall. I was lucky enough to discover this restaurant this past Saturday night with Melissa and my Aunt Diane and Uncle Frank, who are nearby residents in Easton. We all left the restaurant with great things to say about it, and we highly recommend that Muhlenberg students take advantage of the opportunity to eat

the trip. The restaurant has the average inviting atmosphere with touches of Eastern European decor. We were greeted with warm enthusiasm, and immediately brought menus. The menus are the perfect size—not too big so you're completely lost over what to order, but just enough options to keep you enticed! The restaurant serves both American food and Middle Eastern/Greek food, for example hamburgers and, of course, chicken gyros. We ordered two plates of pita bread for the table, served fresh from the oven, which also came with hummus, cucumber yogurt sauce, and kalamata olives. The pita bread rather than the classic bread basket was a refreshing change when eating out!

When it was time to order, I ordered the gyros plate, which came with pieces of lamb, pita, and shredded lettuce, as well as the cucumber yogurt sauce for dipping. Melissa and Aunt Diane ordered the lamb shawarma, which consists of lamb, rice, tomatoes, and onions. They both ordered their dishes with a Tahini sauce, which is a sesame sauce. Uncle Frank ordered the lamb kabobs, which also came with rice. We all ordered off of the dinner entrees section, so each of our dishes came with a complementary Greek salad. All of the food was delicious and authentic; Gyros Queen definitely knows what they're doing when it comes to Greek and

Middle Eastern food! Each of us strongly recommend what we ordered, and so do my friends who ate Melissa's leftovers! For dessert, gyros queen offers two options of baklava: walnut and pistachio. Sadly, I'm allergic to baklava, but my Aunt and Uncle ordered both flavors and loved them both!

The best part about Gyros Queen, besides the fabulous food, is the reasonable prices. There is no need to splurge in order to expand your cuisine options. Why go to Panera for the eight-thousandth time when you could get a cultural dining experience for a very similar, if not equal price? I challenge

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Middle Eastern/Greek cuisine so close to our school.

We made a reservation for seven o'clock, but upon arrival, we realized that this was definitely not necessary. The restaurant was nearly empty, and to be honest, I don't know why! The food is incredible, and the service is fantastic, I can't imagine why the restaurant would be so under-populated on a Saturday night. Don't let the low numbers push you away, Gyros Queen is worth

you to break your own eating routine: ditch the Garden Room, skip the GQ, forget Panera, and don't overspend at expensive restaurants! Drive literally five minutes down Liberty Street, and find a slice of Greece. What more could you want?

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Apr. 15

- 1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) Sound in Space Art Gallery from noon-8:00 PM in the Martin Art Gallery
- 3) Publishing/writing symposium from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM in Seegers 113

Fri. Apr. 16

- 1) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 2) Sound in Space Art Gallery from noon-8:00 PM in the Martin Art Gallery
- 3) Drag Show from 10 PM-1AM in the Red Door
- 4) Student Recital from 4:30 PM-6:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall
- 5) Piano Recital: Richard Goode from 8:00 PM-10:00 PM in the Empie Theater
- 6) Challah for Hunger from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM in Seegers Lobby

Sat. Apr. 17

- 1) BOOM trip to the Metropolitan Opera in NYC to see TOSCA
- 2) Annea Lockwood: Sounds of the Danube from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Galleria
- 3) Sound in Space Art Gallery from noon-8:00 PM in the Martin Art Gallery
- 4) Musica da Canera from 1:30 PM-3:00 PM in the Egner Memorial Chapel
- 5) Senior Recital: Sarah Evans from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM in the Egner Memorial Chapel
- 6) Muhlenberg Jazz Ensemble from 8:00 PM-10:00 PM in the Empie Theater
- 7) Student Performers from 9:00 PM-1:00 AM in the Red Door

Sun. Apr. 18

- 1) Relay for Life from 10:00 AM-10:00 PM at the Scotty Wood Stadium
- 2) German Opera Scenes from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall

Question of the Week: What building on campus would you be and why?



"New Science Building because it's chic and nerdy."
- Courtney Brown, '11



"Seegers Union because it's the heart of campus and I love to be around activity."
- Jon Falk, '10



"ML Underground because of its hidden potential."
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This spring, the sky is the limit for the track & field teams

BY GIL SCHPERO
SPORTS WRITER

On Apr. 3, 2010 the Track and Field team had their outdoor home opener, which totaled for 17 first-place finishes in the ten-team meet. Alex Faust contributing to four of them (100 m, 200m, 4x400 relay and pole vault).

Senior Jennifer Lynch hit the NCAA provisional mark in the 1,500 meters, crossing the finish line in 4:36.98 and improving her personal best by more than a second-and-a-half. She also ran on the 4x400 relay team.

Junior Bobby Torphy, had three firsts, in the 800, 4x400 and 1,500. In the latter race, he didn't run a 2-minute mile, but he did break four minutes in the nearest metric equivalent for the first time.

Other multiple-event winners included sophomore Marc Brookland (long jump, triple jump), senior Janelle Mentrikoski (400 hurdles, 4x400) and freshman Amanda Brennan (100 hurdles, long jump).

And while the Mule athletes didn't break any school records, Mother Nature did by giving Muhlenberg a beautiful day for its home meet, which traditionally has been contested in cold weather and/or rain.

This past weekend the Muhlenberg track and field teams split up, with several distance runners competing at

Bucknell on Friday night and the rest of the team running at Moravian in the Coach P. Open on Saturday.

At Bucknell, senior Jennifer Lynch ran in a special invitational 5,000 meters and broke her own school record, running a 17:39:00. Sophomore Nicolette Miller established a personal record in the 1,500.

Distance runners also fared well at Moravian. Senior Jayne Condon won the 5,000 with the fourth-fastest performance in school history, and junior Ryan Wilson ran the fifth-fastest steeplechase in school history. Junior Bobby Torphy placed second in the 800 with a time of 1:54:48, and his time was good for fifth on the Mules' performance list.

This coming weekend the Track & Field teams will be busy having meets today, Friday and Saturday. Today and Friday we wish all the Mules luck at the Kutztown Multi. Some members of the team will head to Princeton on Friday to compete in the Larry Ellis Invitational and on Saturday they will leave it all on the track at the Greyhound Invitational at Moravian.

We wish all those competing the best of luck and hope that you will check out next weeks issue to read up on all the stellar performances.

Mule Power!



Ryan Wilson competes in the steeplechase.

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Intramural updates



Cav's Corner

BUDDY CAVALIERI
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

These past few weeks, intramurals have really taken off. Both the soccer and softball leagues have begun and this past weekend also saw the first ever Women's Lacrosse/Intramural Kickball tournament. All three have been highly competitive and a ton of fun for all participants.

The Women's Lacrosse/Intramural Kickball tournament was a hit to say the least. Several teams came out and gave it their all but it was the Fuzzy Bunnies who pulled out the championship victory in an extra inning battle. They were in a tight spot in the top of the fifth with the game tied and nobody out. They pulled off a kickball miracle and retired the next three batters without giving up a run. The Bunnies were led thru the tournament by the strong pitching of Junior "Murda" Mark Accomando. Accomando even threw the only shutout kickball game of the day. His work was not done there however because he went on to pitch a 12-0 shutout in his first softball game of the year later that night.

The IM Softball league is off to a great start. The league has the most teams its seen in years and every team we've seen thus far has shown they can be competitive. The two-time champion Kon Tiki squad is back and once again looking like they could compete for the three-peat. They won their first game in convincing fashion. Despite popular belief, Palifka was no match for their high powered offense. It really makes you wonder if they could keep this up or were they just inspired by the presence of IM legend Joe Gogel lurking on the sideline.

There has been a tone of great performances but none quite like the Tazerback performance in their first game. The Tazerbacks were heavy underdogs coming into the season but after their first game they are already changing minds. They displayed a steel curtain defense led by Senior Kevin "If You're a Bird, I'm a Bird" Crooks and Junior Jeff "The Fishuation" Fisher. I think the whole league is looking forward to their marquee match-up against the

Fuzzy Bunnies this Friday night.

The IM Soccer league is halfway done and it has been one for the ages. The preseason favorites were Muhlchester United and thus far they have shown why. They have the ability to score a ton of goals and also have some strong goal play by Senior Joel Garfinkel. Some other teams that have shown some dominance are DTD led by Seniors Dave Emerson and Jed Reiff and the Wrestlers with strong play from Junior Mike Slevin.

Both intramural leagues have been great so far and everyone is looking forward to how the playoffs will turn out. My predictions: Mulchester United wins The Rocky DeLuca Memorial Trophy in the soccer league and the Fuzzy Bunnies upset Kon Tiki in the championship of IM Softball.

The IM Committee would also like to announce that they are in the planning stages of the Second Annual Intramural Formal and it appears that it will be held on May 1 this year so save the date. Any questions contact Brian Ward or myself.

One goal makes all the difference

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

The past few weeks for the Mules have been some of the most exciting this season. On March 6th, the men's lacrosse team hosted Marywood University, and in a close game, sadly lost six to five. With one minute and fifteen

seconds left to play, sophomore Alex Ardolino recorded the game tying goal, complete with a brilliant assist from Brent Siebold. Unfortunately with just sixteen seconds to go in the game, the Marywood Pacers stunned Berg to win the game. Excellent play by Brent Siebold and Clint Watkins allowed them to combine for four of Berg's five goals.

The Mules next challenge was against Washington College, a team who beat Muhlenberg sixteen to seven last season, as well as winning the rivalry for the past seven years. As far as the team was concerned, history would not repeat itself. The Berg jumped out to a convincing lead at the half time with a score of four to two. However Washington scored two goals in the third quarter to tie up the game at four to four. Then, with two minutes and fifty seconds left in the third, momentum swayed towards the Mules as sophomore Chase Nadell put the mules up five to four.

Washington drew first blood in the fourth quarter tying the game at five. Just six minutes after Washington's goal, senior co-captain Ari Johnson scored to put the team up six to five. This late goal seemed enough to give Muhlenberg the win; but this game was far from over. A late, fourth quarter collapse allowed Washington to tie the game at six a piece with just thirty three seconds left.

As the overtime commenced, Muhlenberg knew they would have to step up, and did just that when Ardolino received a pass from Watkins to win the game with two minutes and thirty seconds left. This convincing win was the confidence booster the team needed as they prepared to take on Gettysburg College, the number one team in the nation.

The game at Gettysburg turned out to be the team's most dismal performance of the season. They fought hard all throughout the game, but Gettysburg was just too

strong for Muhlenberg to handle. The team was down nine to nothing at half time, but they did not give up, as senior Ari Jacobson scored both goals for the Muhlenberg team. The final score was a disappointing fourteen to two loss.

The disappointing loss helped prepare Muhlenberg for a tough match against Haverford, the number thirteen in the nation.

Muhlenberg has never beaten Haverford, but the game on March 24th, was just what the doctor ordered to keep their hopes alive. Up to this point, Muhlenberg had only tallied two wins, adding three losses. Going on the road, the team knew they had a tall order to fill in order to get this win. The entire game was a power struggle that went back and forth between teams.

At the half, the score was tied at four, and after three periods, Haverford held on to just a one goal lead, six to five. The all decisive fourth quarter shaped up to be one of the most entertaining quarters on the season.

Berg led the entire way, and with just three minutes left in the game, it seemed as if they had it won, but yet again another close match would go to overtime. With less than three minutes to play, Haverford advanced the ball and scored to put them down by just a single goal. Then shockingly, with just fifteen seconds to play, leaving Muhlenberg in disbelief, the game was yet again tied. The game was won just two minutes into overtime by Ardolino, and the Mules made history as they pulled off the upset.

Against Swarthmore, the Mules yet again won the game by a single goal. A valiant effort on both sides of the ball allowed Muhlenberg to come away with the victory. Watkins, Jacobson, and Reilly all scored two goals. Freshman Jack Reilly scored the eventual game winner with just twenty five seconds to play in the game. In addition, goalie Mike Horowitz was able to save thirteen shots. The team also combined for

seventeen turnovers that helped win the game.

The team's next game is against Franklin and Marshall College, who is just three and four this season.



Freshman Zach Weiner works for a ground ball.

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What you didn't know about fitness: How it can transform your life and maximize your health

BY LAUREN KUGEL
SPORTS WRITER

Growing up in a family where all four of my grandparents have either diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease or all of the above, I was taught the importance of fitness from a young age. I learned a lot of stretches and ab workouts from taking dance and gymnastics lessons and my interest in fitness took off from there. My friends know me for my obsession with Jillian Michaels workout videos and working out as much as I possibly can. Working out is something I enjoy, I incorporate workouts into my life through several different activities. Whether I'm in the gym with a friend, doing workout videos with my roommate, taking a yoga class, bike riding through wine country in California, or walking in the park on Ott Street, I am always enjoy my workout.

I have found here at the College that there are the people who live in the gym and the people who will not come within twenty feet of the gym. I hope this article inspires a few of the anti-gym individuals to reconsider their reasoning. Fitness is something I am adamant about because I believe it really adds to the quality of a person's life in several ways. Statistics show that about 32 percent of children and adolescents are obese or overweight. According to USA Today, Statistics also show that someone who is 40 percent overweight is twice as likely to die prematurely than an average-weight individual. It has been found that overweight individuals are at a greater risk for suffering from high cholesterol, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease among many other diseases.

As college students between the ages of 17 and 22, we are not too young to be at risk for these diseases and we need to be proactive in maintaining regular fitness in our lives. There is more to being physically fit than just looking good. Even individuals who are blessed with a fast metabolism and a thin frame are still at risk for many of the same weight related diseases that over-

weight individuals are susceptible too. Regardless of your current risk for the previously mentioned diseases, everyone should be partaking in a fitness routine as a preventative measure and for the numerous benefits fitness has on an individual.

Exercising on a regular basis will have other impacts on your life that no scale can measure. In addition to being a disease prevention method, exercising strengthens bone and muscles, and improves skin. Additionally,

exercise can be fun by creating a good playlist on an iPod or working out with a friend.

Everyone gets inspired to work out for different reasons. I hope that by spreading the word about the importance of fitness, many students within the Muhlenberg Community will consider making fitness a part of their daily or weekly lifestyle. The College's Life Sports Center is home to a state of the art gym that I encourage all students to utilize (see hours at the end of this article). If you already make use of the gym, try to find a way to exercise more effectively. Perhaps you can add an extra work out each week or maybe add an extra twenty minutes to your current routine. The key to success is to always mix it up so you don't get bored and your body will respond well to the varied workout. You will see the best results physically when you force your body to adapt to new exercise routines.

To follow up with this article, Fit Facts from the American Council On Exercise are printed below and will continue with each following edition. There will also be a stack of FitFacts at the front desk of the Life Sports Center for students to grab at their convenience. Each week the Fit Facts will have a different topic ranging from "three things every exercise program should have" to "diet myths debunked." The goal is to increase everyone's awareness of the importance of effective work outs and healthy eating. For more FitFacts visit acefitness.org.

Life Sports Center Hours

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Friday 7:00-10:00pm

Saturday 10:00am-10:00pm

Sunday Noon-Midnight

fitness will increase your energy and help with relaxation by putting you in a better mood and allowing you to sleep better throughout the night. Fitness has also been linked to strengthening the immune system. With such an extensive list of benefits, it seems like everyone should be able to find some sort of motivation to hit the gym. Aside from the scientifically proven benefits of exercise, many will find working out truly adds something to their life and becomes a satisfying activity. Ex-

If anyone is interested in continuing to spread the word about healthy lifestyles on the College Campus, please email Lauren.Kugel@muhlenberg.edu. I have several interesting ideas and would like to help anyone who is interested to get started. I encourage any interested individual to contact me as it would be a great leadership opportunity.

This week's "Fit Facts"

A complete, safe and effective fitness program must include aerobic exercise, muscular strength and endurance conditioning, and flexibility exercise.

Aerobic exercise does good things for your cardiovascular system and is an important part of weight management. Muscular conditioning can improve strength and posture, reduce the risk of low-back injury and is an important component of a weight-management program. Flexibility exercise is needed to maintain joint range of motion and reduce the risk of injury and muscle soreness.

1. Aerobic Exercise

Aerobic exercise can be as simple as walking. Walking, jogging, jumping rope and dance-exercise are good forms of weightbearing aerobic exercise, which is any activity that uses large muscle groups in a continuous, rhythmic fashion for sustained periods of time and during which the individual's body is not supported in some fashion.

There are also non-weightbearing aerobic exercises, such as bicycling, stationary cycling, swimming and rowing.

Keep the pace comfortable. A very important aspect of your exercise program is the intensity. You should exercise at a comfortable pace. You can measure your exercise heart rate to check the intensity of your exercising, or you can take the "talk test."

To measure your heart rate, take your pulse as soon as you stop exercising. Count your heartbeat for 10 seconds, then multiply by six to convert it to a one-minute heart rate. If you keep your exercise heart rate within a range of 55 to 90% of an estimated maximum heart rate (220 minus your age), you're doing well.

The talk test is even easier to use. Just exercise at a pace that allows you to carry on a conversation while you're exercising.

How often should you exercise? Three to five days of aerobic activity is fine for general health maintenance. If you're trying to lose weight, aim for five to six days a week, being sure you take off at least one day a week.

How long should you exercise? Work up to 30 or more minutes per session (or three 10-minute sessions per day) for general health maintenance. For weight loss, gradually work up to 45 minutes or longer at low to moderate intensities in a low- or non-impact activity.

2. Strength Conditioning

Pick calisthenics, free weights or machines. Just be sure that your strength training includes exercises for every major muscle group, including the muscles of the arms, chest, back, stomach, hips and legs.

Start with a weight that's comfortable to handle and perform eight repetitions. Gradually add more repetitions until you can complete 12 repetitions. For greater strength conditioning, add more weight and/or more repetitions, in sets of eight to 12, when the exercise becomes easy.

3. Stretching for Flexibility

Proper stretching involves holding a mild stretch for 15 to 30 seconds while you breathe normally. Always warm up before you stretch. Like strength conditioning, flexibility exercises should include stretching for all of the major muscle groups.

One Last Thing to Remember . . .

Always check with your doctor before beginning any exercise program, especially if you're a man over 45, a woman over 55, or have cardiovascular risk factors, such as smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes or a family history of heart disease.

Additional Resources

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Mules come out swinging

BY GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

Believe it or not, only seven games stand between the 2010 Mules baseball team and a possible berth in the Centennial Conference Playoffs. At 12-14 (6-6) the Mules find themselves in the thick of the playoff race with rivals Franklin & Marshall and Washington College. Although they trail Washington College by a game, the season is far from over as the two teams are set to square off on April 24th in Maryland for a critical Saturday doubleheader.

The season thus far has included its fair share of ups and downs which is to be expected from a relatively young team. The beginning of the year provided some growing pains as the team started 6-9 with losses to teams like Moravian, Swarthmore, and St. John Fischer. However, as March came to a close, the team found its stride, rattling off four consecutive wins that included a two game sweep of Gettysburg. In these contests the offense stole the show as the Mules combined to score a total of 35 runs during the streak. This included both a 10-run outburst against Gettysburg and a 17-run onslaught versus Swarthmore. Highlighting the two game attack were senior shortstop Dan Fisher and sophomore centerfielder Jesse Nusbaum, who combined to drive in nine runs. Senior second baseman Eric Pomroy provided some pop out of the three spot, going seven for nine.

With confidence running high, the Mules began April with three games in two days against Haverford and Franklin & Marshall. They ended the weekend at 1-2 but provided more fireworks in the last game of the series against Franklin & Marshall. In this contest, Berg pounded out 17 hits and plated 13 runs. Junior Joe DiCecilia continued his impressive year going two for five with four runs batted in. He added two runs scored to complete his day at the plate.

Senior Eric Pomroy saw his average continue to climb with a three for five day, while freshman rightfielder John Muha added 3 hits. The F&M Diplomats did not go quietly however, as they scored 11 runs of their own. In the end however the Mules were able to get the job done as freshman pitcher Ryan Rechten shut the door in the bottom half of the ninth inning.

In their most recent game against McDaniel, the Mules bounced back from a three game losing streak as they topped the Green Terror 10-6. After having his 16-game hitting streak snapped in the first game of the doubleheader, Joe DiCecilia responded

with a three for five performance that included three runs scored. In total the Mules had 13 hits, with multiple base knocks coming from junior catcher Eli Branzberg, sophomores Brian Beck, Jesse Nusbaum, and freshman John Muha. Junior pitcher Jason Daniels threw arguably his most impressive outing of the year as he went the distance, giving up only three earned runs and striking out four. For Daniels, it was his second complete game of the year and his fourth win as a starter.

Besides the weekend bout with Washington College at the end of the month, the Mules are scheduled to face Dickinson and Johns Hopkins twice along with Eastern and Susquehanna. Berg will wrap up its schedule with a contest against DeSales at Limport and an exhibition with Lehigh University. If one thing is clear, the stretch run for the Mules is sure to produce some memorable moments. With the leadership of seniors Dan Fisher, Phil Cresta and Eric Pomroy alongside a strong mix of youth, the team is primed to reach the promise land for the first time since 2008. Let's hope the dream becomes a reality. After all, there's nothing like playoff baseball. Go get 'em boys!

As the Mules look to finish off the 2010 campaign, Major League Baseball is starting to find its stride nearly two weeks into the regular season. In the April 4th season opener, The Red Sox led by Dustin Pedroia downed the defending World Series champion, New York Yankees by a score of 9-7. For many baseball enthusiasts across the country, the game symbolized the official start of spring even though the calendar tends to tell us otherwise. Through the first two weeks of the season, the Phillies, Giants, Twins, and surprising Athletics boast the most impressive records while the Houston Astros, Seattle Mariners and Baltimore Orioles find themselves in the cellar of the big league circuit. Though it is still extremely early, it is interesting to note Phillies' pitcher Roy Halladay has already won his first award as member of the defending National League champs. He along with the Tigers' Miguel Cabrera claimed National and American League Player of the Week Honors (...Cliff Lee who?). For those few Mets faithful still with us, through only six games, the disabled list count already stands at four players. At least Reyes is back, right?

Regardless of team allegiance, it's refreshing to know baseball is finally back. Here's to another season filled with walk-off wins, complete game pitching performances, and yearlong pennant races... Phillies, Yankees rematch anyone?

Women's lax upsets McDaniel again in OT

BY JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

Last Saturday, the Mule Women's Lacrosse team played their closest game of the year so far against McDaniel. It was not only the second consecutive year that they beat McDaniel, but it was also the second consecutive year that they beat them in overtime. The final score ended up being 14-13.

The Mules managed to tie the score with McDaniel in the last minute by scoring two goals of regulation, which then allowed them to go into overtime for the win. Senior Amanda McGovern scored the tying goal with only 28.4 seconds left, capping a three-goal rally this year. Last year, she had capped a four-goal Mule rally with 40 seconds left in regulation.

McGovern had started the rally with a goal with 3:32 remaining. Then, she received offensive help from Junior defender Lauren DeCarle. DeCarle made a wonderful play, managing to cut the deficit to one. This caused a turnover near midfield. Then picked up the ground ball, raced down the field, and put one in the net, scoring her first goal of the season with only one minute remaining.

The final goal was a result of another great defensive play. Senior Danielle Scarrone put pressure on McDaniel's goalie, which caused the goalie to try to make a long pass. Danielle Rosen was able to intercept the ball, and seeing that Scarrone was wide open after McDaniel fouled McGowan, she passed it to Scarrone for the win.

This game is a positive turnaround for the team, as they played much better this game than in the previous few games. Their defense showed much improvement this game.

Their hardwork and good communication certainly paid off.



Freshman Lauren McGovern assisted in 'Berg's win against McDaniel

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Kathryn Fuller to deliver Commencement Address

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

Kathryn Fuller, former President of the World Wildlife Fund, will speak at the College's 162st Commencement on May 23. The ceremony will be held on the College's historic quad. Fuller will also be awarded an honorary doctorate.

From 1989 to 2005, Kathryn S. Fuller served as president and chief executive officer of World Wildlife Fund, the U.S. arm of the largest organization working to save species and habitats worldwide. Trained as a lawyer and marine ecologist, Fuller joined WWF in 1983 after heading the Wildlife and Marine Resources Section of the U.S. Justice Department. Her field work included wildebeest behavioral studies in Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater and coral reef research at the U.S. Virgin Island's West Indies Laboratory. She serves on the WWF board as President Emerita.

Fuller received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Texas, and is the recipient of several honorary degrees and other awards. Fuller was a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars during

the 2005-2006 academic year and is currently a member of a number of boards, including the Ford Foundation (where she is chair), the Summit Foundation, Resources for the Future, the National Museum of Natural History, and Alcoa, Inc. Married with three children, Fuller lives in Washington, D.C.

Additionally, the College will award honorary degrees to Dr. Stephen D. Brookfield and Dr. Ronald F. Levant. Since beginning his teaching career in 1970, Brookfield has worked in England, Canada, Australia, and the United States, teaching in a variety of college settings. He has written 12 books on adult learning, teaching, critical thinking, discussion methods and critical theory, four of which have won the Cyril O. Houle World Award for Literature in Adult Education.

He also won the 1986 Imogene Okes



Kathryn Fuller, the commencement speaker.

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Award for Outstanding Research in Adult Education. His work has been translated into German, Korean, Finnish and Chinese. He has been given numerous awards for his work in adult education, was recently inducted into the Adult Education Hall of Fame.

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Relay For Life 2010

BY JILLIAN BEVACQUA
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On Sun., April 18, the Colleges Against Cancer chapter here at the College hosted its sixth annual Relay For Life Event. Relay For Life is a international event that is held in communities around the globe. The purpose of the event is for people to join together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer, and fight back against the disease.

The event was twelve hours long, lasting from 10 am to 10 pm at Scotty Wood Stadium. Prior to the event as well as during, teams of students fundraised in order to donate to the American Cancer Society. Students walked or ran laps around the track, many in honor or memory of a loved one who dealt with cancer. In addition to walking laps, which participants were able to keep track of with beaded bracelets that they could add to after each completed lap, participants played basketball on a Moonbounce and made donations for baked goods and dinner.

Many student groups performed during Relay, including the student a capella and dance groups: Acafellas, Dynamics, In Achord, Noteworthy, Girls Next Door, Pekulators, and Mint. There were also numerous student bands and a Fight Back Ceremony, in which Rachel Kramer '13 told her story of her battle with cancer.

The event concluded with the luminaria presentation at the end of the evening. Kelly Frazee '11 and Melissa Pieller '12 shared stories of loved ones that they lost to cancer, and presented the illuminated and decorated candle bags that other students had bought in honor of their own loved ones.

Frazee told the crowd about her Nana's year long battle with Endo-

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Stressed Out

BY DANIELLE WAGNER
NEWS WRITER

Active Minds and the Office of Residential Services are pleased to announce this year's National Stress Out Day located in the East Quad on Friday April 30th! The day's events are open to all students and will begin at 3:00pm.

As spring semester winds down, and finals are approaching, Active Minds and ORS recognize the increasing amounts of stress during this time. Both anxiety and stress are natural reactions that are hardwired into the brain as part of the body's "fight or flight" response. Persistent anxiety and stress can cause harm physically, mentally, and socially during these last few weeks of classes. Anxiety disorders are real, serious and treatable conditions that more than 40 million Americans are diagnosed with annually. Almost seven percent of college students report having problems.

On behalf of Active Minds and ORS we hope to decrease your stress by providing a stress-free day dedicated to you! National Stress-Out Day will provide you with the opportunity to relax and take time for yourself, while partaking in carnival-like activities such as a slip-and-slide, blow-up bounces, obstacle courses, stress-free balls and sand art. There will also be carnival snacks and dinner outside starting at 4:30pm.

Student bands and performance groups will be performing throughout the day to provide entertainment and atmosphere for a truly relaxing day. So come on out, bring your friends, and enjoy a day dedicated to the well-being of the student population.

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Feeling the Summer heat?

What are your summer plans? You don't know, do you? More and more students are either not finding any summer jobs or internships, or they cannot find a paid one. We want to put our education and professional experiences first, but we also need to make money over the summer.

Just because we are students does not mean that we do not have expenses, and no, we are not talking about our bar tabs. We're talking about our monthly car payments, cell phone bills, and things as simple as buying mother's and father's day gifts or birthday presents for siblings and friends with summer birthdays. Over the summer there is also an intrinsic need in all of us to relax and enjoy our three-month break by going to concerts or on day trips. This all requires money and while the old adage "money can't buy happiness" certainly holds true, we do need money to survive and do the things that make us happy so that we can continue to be effective members of society. Furthermore, how are we supposed to get jobs after graduation if we cannot get internships to build up our resumes and get real world experience?

Graduating seniors are also finding themselves in a bind because they can't find jobs. So this year, more seniors than ever plan on going to graduate school after they graduate from college in order to escape the ill state of the economy. While this may provide a temporary solution, what are seniors to do if they can not afford the high tuition costs of grad school?

Overall, as college students, we have found ourselves in quite a conundrum. We're (unfortunately) not here to provide a solution, but we will say that it can't hurt to give yourself as many options as possible. The college continues to offer job and internship forums for students to attend in order to hear about new places to look for employment. Additionally, the power of connections cannot be stressed enough. Have an old employer you haven't talked to in a while, or a parent of a friend who works in a field you're interested in? Strike up a conversation. Talk about your goals. You just might fall into the perfect job or internship when you least expect it

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly Editor,

Before discussing the validity of the arguments made in the April 15th piece, "Recycle EnAct," we'd like to point out this glowing hypocrisy: only a few weeks earlier the same author chose to use entirely different language to praise the identical initiatives he condemned in this most recent article.

What separates EnAct from other campus organizations like the History or Spanish Club--academically based clubs that were cited in the article--is that our organization's mission statement includes a call to "actively take part in the ecological betterment of the campus, local, and global communities." Actively implies action, action implies initiating change, and change implies new ways of approaching our own daily behaviors. Such changes in our daily habits and routines may make some students uncomfortable at first. EnAct has been completely aware of this component of the process and has taken it into full consideration when planning the timelines for each new initiative. However, there comes a point when we need to move beyond getting used to something and admit that we are simply clinging to the norm because it's comfortable, regardless of the larger negative environmental or societal consequences of that behavior.

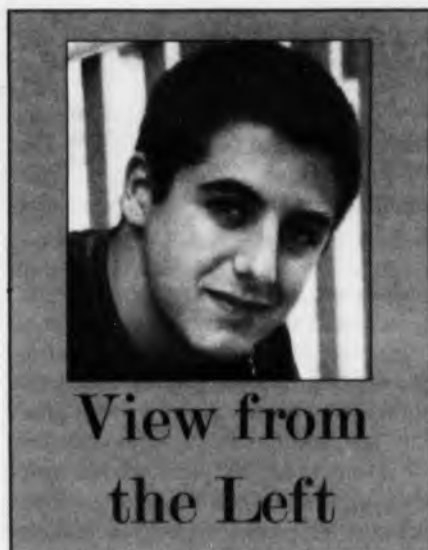
The problems you pointed out with certain initiatives, like double-sided printing and Tray-Free Tuesday, suggest to us that we need to have a broader discussion about privilege and convenience. However, we'll focus on the practical here. First of all, the double-sided printing setting can be changed with approximately two additional clicks of the mouse. The fact that we even have to explain this here is absurd. Second, Tray-Free Tuesday is voluntary. In order to obtain a tray, any student simply has to ask one question, preferably politely, to the Garden Room staff. Again, the fact that we have to clarify this here when there are an abundance of signs suggesting the same thing at every Tray-Free Tuesday is frustrating to say the least.

EnAct doesn't need the official permission of Student Government when we support voluntary initiatives sponsored by other departments on campus including Sodexo and Dining Services for Tray-Free Tuesday, and the Office of Information Technology and the

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Response
to "Recycle
EnAct"

♥ US is in a relationship with Israel and it's complicated. · Comment · Like



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
OP/ED COLUMNIST

A couple of weeks ago I was thrilled to have a conversation with Israeli citizens visiting the College. Having unwound from a successful Multicultural Shabbat Dinner, I was able to sit down with a man who has Ethiopian heritage but clearly identifies as an Israeli citizen and a Jew.

Talking to him about his time in the

conscripted military service and how his experiences growing up in Israel shaped not only his values but those of other Israelis was truly enlightening. Although I pushed him with tough questions on Israeli politics and policies, his responses allowed me to see his individuality and intersectionalities across ethnicities, religion, and values.

The intersectionalities and power differentials described by this newfound Israeli friend eerily reflected the problems with diversity that we see here in the US. The scars on our nations' pasts allow us to further understand why these institutionalized injustices exist. Whether it be the constant reminders of enslaved West Africans that permeate into our contemporary power dynamics or the Balfour Declaration of 1917 that created Israel as a modern Western state, history cannot be forgotten and must be related back to the current injustices found in both the US and Israel.

It's time to dive into the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to expose some of the common myths and flesh out some of the important realities. First off, there is no congenital historical conflict between the Arabs and the Jews over this land. Although there

have been groups that have oppressed the Jews, as described in the Jewish Bible and other religious texts and narratives, no esteemed scholar points to these stories as the cause of the Palestine conflict. In fact, Jewish culture flourished in the Arab world while simultaneously it was being squelched by anti-Semitism in the West. During these trials and tribulations in Europe, a small group of Zionists created a plan to create a Jewish refuge in what was called Palestine. At that time, Palestine was a fully inhabited Arab region and culturally rich area.

Britain jumped on the Zionist bandwagon and passed acts such as the Balfour Declaration of 1917 because having a European state in a non-European area was in Britain's best interests at the time. In the 1920's, as British power stripped away private land from native Palestinians to support the new state, the first major conflicts like those that we see today began to emerge. Until the early 1930's, the Jewish settler population in Palestine remained under 17 percent; it was not until European Nazism did the Jewish settler population begin to rise exponentially, finally reaching a point where the UN had to step in. The UN's solution was to split Palestine into two

states: one for the Jews and one for the Arabs.

Although the Arab citizens at the time owned 92 percent of the land and comprised 69 percent of the total population, 56 percent of the former Palestinian sovereignty was given to the Jewish settlers. Furthermore, the 56 percent of Palestine that was given to the Jewish settlers was the majority of the fertile land left in the area.

Here we see the beginning of Israel's reign of terror on the Palestinians. The Israeli military immediately began invading and setting up occupations of Palestinian cities. As blue and white flags were raised and the red, black, and green flags were taken down, Arab armies began intervening.

An opposing but certainly not equal reaction came from the Israeli military, which quickly outnumbered the allied Arab forces by number of soldiers and armories. In what many historians deem an ethnic cleansing, the Israeli military took control of the UN-designated Arab land; of the five hundred Palestinian villages that existed in 1948, over four hundred were destroyed by Israeli forces

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The blood donor controversy



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Something came to my attention last week when I was discussing with a few friends about donating blood. We were debating whether or not we should sign up and so forth. It never occurred to me how important and controversial the act of giving blood actually is until I asked a very close gay friend of mine if he planned on giving blood. His simple answer: "I am not allowed."

Many of you probably know or at least have some previous knowledge concerning the FDA's ban on gay blood donors, but I was pathetically ignorant of the issue. My friend explained to me the

issues that caused ban and the controversy concerning the ban today. My friend was very upset that he was not allowed to donate blood and play a part in saving another person's life.

If a gay male were to want to donate his blood, it would take a series of tests in order for him to do so. This process is extremely tedious and requires a lot of patience; therefore, it is very rare for someone to go through it.

The ban on gay blood donations is very outdated. In response to the 1980s AIDS crisis, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) banned any man who had sex with another man from giving blood (MSM). They argued that gay and bisexual men are at a greater risk of contracting HIV. This ban also was in response to the many who contracted AIDS from blood transfusions. Today, HIV contracted from blood transfusions is down to about 1%.

A lifetime ban on gay and bisexual men from donating blood is discriminatory. The ban prohibits men who practice safe sex, lead a celibate life-style, or those who have been in long-term monogamous relationships from donating. These men should not pay for other men who have sex with men (MSM's) that practice unsafe sex. By banning all these men based on the actions of a small portion they are stereotyping. This screams discrimination.

What if a male decided to dabble a little with the other gender once in his childhood? Should he be unable to do-

nate blood and save lives simply because he had sex with a male once in his life? According to the current ban, this one time MSM would be unable to donate. This blanket ban, labels all Gay and Bisexual men as a diseased mass. This gross stereotype has been backed by our government, and is continually supported even though many facts have been presented that contradict the ban.

Another problem that gay rights activists have brought to the nation's attention is the problems with blood donated by male and female prostitutes. Those who engage in sexual activity for financial benefit or those who are on the other end and pay for sex, are allowed to give blood after one year of disengagement.

Prostitution is a highway for diseases including AIDS, so why are those who engage in such play not terminally banned as well?

The FDA claims that the ban is not discriminatory, but it is instead based on concrete facts: MSM's are most likely to contract and transmit HIV. The facts that this ban is based on are from the 1980s. Today there are many more precautions, the HIV epidemic has passed, and our understanding of the disease has significantly improved. In 1997, it was voted on whether or not the ban should remain. Obviously the ban is still present, but only due to one single vote.

There has been a recent push to eliminate the ban altogether when 18 senators came forth and signaled their support for a change. They claim that there are a

significant amount of blood donors that are turned away from performing an act of civic duty. Massachusetts Democrat John Kerry stated in a letter to the FDA that "we live in a very different country than we did in 1983, when gay and bisexual men were permanently 'differed' from giving blood, due to the HIV/AIDS crisis." Those in support of lifting the ban argue that there have been many 'dramatic technological advances' that detect HIV in blood. Though they are still in support of some sort of one-year period of celibacy, they strongly believe that the ban is no longer needed and blatantly discriminatory.

Some argue that there should be two types of donors, low-risk and high-risk. The high risk would consist of those who engage in high-risk sexual behavior including unprotected sex and prostitution. This would mean that men who have had sex with men would only have to wait one year until they could donate blood.

In the report published by the Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the GMHC specifically writes that they are not trying to increase risk in order to eliminate the discrimination. Instead they are specifically aiming to get rid of discrimination while strengthening the blood-donor pool ensuring "that there's a safe and sufficient blood supply, particularly in times of emergency."

This new plan will ensure safety while giving gay and bisexual men the rights they deserve.

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to be turned into fertile Israeli land or new Jewish settlements. This constant fight over land and rights has never stopped, as you know. Thusly, history tells us it was not a congenital religious conflict between Jews and Muslims or Christian and Arabs; it was a Zionism problem which expropriated all the power to a minority that sought to keep it. Just as in the US, those who were given the power felt, and still feel, entitled to it, even at the cost of vast social injustices.

We left with a sticky mess of war crime, exportation of terrorism, and executions of prisoners of war. Unfortunately, just like the patriots who fought against the British powers in the American Revolution, Palestinian and other Arab insurgents are meeting the Israeli apartheid with more brutal violence, institutionalizing a conflict between two ethnic groups.

Institutionalized injustices in Israel are not just confined to the literal battleground; the entire legal system is based on supporting the privilege of Israelis, which consequently quells the privilege of Palestinians. The UN's "Special Rapporteur for Palestine" described Israel as an apartheid state due to its system of control including separate roads, inequities in infrastructure, legal rights, and access to land and resources between Palestinians and Israeli residents in the Israeli-occupied territories.

In Israel, no civil marriages exist and non-Jewish marriages are not validated by the Israeli government. Furthermore, the law does not enable the acquisition of Israeli citizenship or residency by a Palestinian from the occupied territories via marriage. In May 2006, Israel's Chief Justice Barak stated, "This violation of rights is directed against Arab citizens of Israel. As a result, therefore, the law is a violation of the right of Arab citizens in Israel to equality."

How do they tell who is a Jew, and thusly who is entitled to pass on certain roads, own certain property, and vote? They have identification cards of course that discriminates between Jews and non-Jews.

Although they have no constitution in Israel, they do have a code called the "Basic Laws," which does not include a guaranteed equality for all citizens regardless of one's religion or ethnicity.

The laundry list of plights goes on, seemingly worsening by the day. Groups such as AIPAC and politicians such as Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) are simply perpetuating the power inequalities in Israel by giving funding towards protecting Israel's interests, consequently protecting their privilege from harm.

Rather than refusing trade with Arab nations and giving money to Israel, the US should invest in those who need it the most in that area: the displaced Palestinians, women with children, and the working poor.

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Immigration gone wild



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The recent media coverage of the healthcare reform bill, upcoming work on climate change legislation, and the ever closer 2010 midterm elections have put us in a trance. We have been captivated by these developments, but the issue of immigration has unfortunately been set aside. It is safe to say that the problem of illegal immigration and America's broken immigration system is just as important as the other stories taking up our news media. The negative side effects of illegal immigration, which are plentiful, have truly hit home and have motivated some of our lawmakers to take a stand against it. This is not the first time that I have raised concerns over illegal immigration. But perhaps the recent developments on the issue will provide us with a new perspective.

On March 27, 2010, Robert Krentz, a well known Arizona rancher, was found murdered on his property. Mr. Krentz was found shot and slumped over his ATV on his property. Law enforcement

found footprints leading back across the border into Mexico and a gap in the border fence near Krentz's property. According to local police, the primary suspect is an illegal immigrant.

The murder of Robert Krentz is not the first sign of increasing violence attributed to illegal immigration we have seen on our southern border. A series of drug related mini-wars erupting between Mexican drug cartels isn't old news either. There are also countless records showing illegal immigrants with prior criminal records related to drugs, weapons, sexual, and other violent offences being arrested in the United States for similar crimes.

Putting aside the financial and ethical implications related to illegal immigration, the concerns over the safety and security of Americans, especially those living on the border, should become the priority of all levels of government.

The situation on our border states, particularly Arizona and New Mexico, provides the best example of the chaos brought along with illegal immigrants. The recommendations of law enforcement and state officials from both Arizona and New Mexico should not be taken lightly but ought to serve as learning experiences for us.

So what do the men and women protecting our border have to say about this influx of violence? Well, Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu stated at a press conference on Capitol Hill that he has had several deputies on his force murdered by illegal immigrants, and he said the immigrant-related violence has escalated to "epidemic proportions." Arizona Governor Jan Brewer and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson both recognized the problem hitting their states and expressed their desire to increase their state and local law enforcement along their southern borders. Gov. Brewer has

said that her state can not keep up the fight alone, and she has requested greater assistance from the federal government.

Arizona's two U.S. Senators John McCain and Jon Kyl have called for the federal government to help their state combat illegal immigration by permanently stationing an additional 3,000 U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers on the border by 2015. In addition to the Border patrol officers, state officials and members of Congress from these negatively-affected states have also requested the federal government aid them by deploying 3,000 National Guard to Arizona. These steps are all working towards the top goal of securing our border. Closing the entry point is the first part of the entire solution.

Of course our border will never become permanently sealed, but we can make it safer for our citizens living along it.

Sen. McCain said, "The federal government's responsibility is the border. It's a federal responsibility, not a state responsibility."

This is true with respect to the funding needed for border security. The cost for supporting additional National Guard units and Border Patrol officers ought to be covered by the federal government, but border states should continue, as they have been, to send their state and local resources to protect the border.

As many have recognized, securing the border is not the only part to the solution. We should be carrying out efforts to secure the border in conjunction with steps to increase enforcement within the United States. Sens. McCain and Kyl have called for greater surveillance methods, greater funding and resources,

and tougher enforcement of federal immigration law. The Arizona Senators and sheriffs have denounced any moves toward a "catch and release" strategy, but they should implement a plan where mandatory jail time should be served by arrested illegal immigrants. It is time to show we mean business, and any move to deter illegal immigration ought to be considered.

Members of Congress and the Obama administration should be pushing for changes in our immigration strategy. Playtime is over. Concerns over being politically correct and worrying over the potential outcry from the Hispanic and other communities should be ignored.

In the past critics of immigration reform

have denounced policies that exclude illegal immigrants from collecting federally funded health benefits, state drivers licenses, and other perks of citizenship as wrong and backwards. This is just not the case. Now we not only have to deal with funneling tax dollars to non-tax paying illegal

immigrants, but our fellow citizens are living in danger.

To say the least, we have a serious problem on our hands. Thousands of illegal immigrants sneak across our southern border every year, and we have been suffering the consequences.

Keep in mind that standing against illegal immigration does not translate into being anti-immigration or anti-immigrant. America is, as we always say, a country of immigrants, and we ought to be proud of that, but we are also a country of law and order. Upholding our laws and protecting our citizens is not unreasonable.

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FROM ENACT | PAGE 2

Library for double-sided printing. In spite of what you may believe, EnAcT does not act as a unilateral, left-wing, rampantly uncontrolled organization when we implement initiatives on campus. Every single change we have made has garnered support from other campus organizations, departments, faculty, staff, and students.

Also, the article's argument that "only" more than half of the student body's signatures (1,138 in total) were insufficient for our Student Government to move forward with the Just Tap It initiative is illogical. We challenge all of you to think of a piece of legislation that the United States government has ever passed with 100% support from the American population. Unanimous public opinion simply does not exist in democratic systems. The role of governmental entities is to take all of the facts into consideration, recognize that a vast majority of their constituents are invested in and support the issue, and then approve it because that is their job and responsibility.

Furthermore, EnAcT has consistently been berated for not having enough proof to back up our information when in actuality we have well-researched, scientific facts supporting every resolution and initiative we bring to campus. This standard is not similarly upheld for the articles written criticizing EnAcT that claim attendance is down in Garden Room or that "many of the students" feel a specific sentiment toward our cam-

paings.

Representative of this point is the claim in the "Recycle EnAcT" article: that a Disney character made its way onto the Just Tap It petition. This rumor has already been published and debunked in previous *Weekly* articles and Student Government meetings; its presence in this most recent account suggests the author was rather desperate for information to support his argument.

Now, to the only original complaint made in the "Recycle EnAcT" article. Portion Control Night was an idea initiated by the managers of Sodexo in order to obtain quantitative measurements of Tray-Free Tuesday and regular dining days to be sure that our environmental initiatives are having the desired effect. Signs were located all over the Garden Room the night of the portion-controlled meals in question, some made by EnAcT, others created by Sodexo. Sodexo's employees, sustainability interns, and EnAcT representatives were scattered throughout the dining hall and at the entrance to inform students who had additional questions.

Stating things like, "Many students were forced to leave for night classes without the meal they were hoping for" sounds like rather than dealing in factual information, you, Matt Pearson, are making gross generalizations based on your own personal experience from one unique night in the Garden Room. Accounts from Weigh the Waste volunteers that night suggest that certain members of the student body overreacted and actu-

ally yelled at those students who took time out of their night to help Sodexo more efficiently complete this test. It's difficult to have a rational and fulfilling conversation when you're fielding shouting students while simultaneously scraping plates clean.

Finally, while not directed at EnAcT, we think it's important to address on behalf of socially responsible behavior everywhere a statement in your "Recycle EnAcT" article: "I do not see the Asian Student Association removing all of the take-out menus from the Information Desk except for Hunan Garden." This suggests that a club that has the word "Asian" in its title inherently supports a Chinese food restaurant above all other dining options, which is completely inappropriate at best. Moreover, the statement blatantly disregards the wide variety of nationalities represented by that term. This statement is actually so problematic that it would be impossible to unpack all of its implications in this space.

While the students involved in this published conversation will be graduating in May, we sincerely hope that future conversations about sustainability and changes at the College will be based on new ideas, well thought-out concerns, and factual information rather than the same tired, fallacious arguments.

Happy 40th Anniversary of Earth Day,
Sara Imperiale '10, former president EnAcT, &
Gabe Procaccino '10, former public relations of EnAcT

FROM RELAY | PAGE 1

metrial (Uterine) Cancer, followed by Pieller's story about the loss of her best friend's mother, who battled six different types of cancer for a year.

They were two different people with two completely different stories, but were brought together through cancer, which took something from them that they can never get back. This ability to unite with others who understand the full effects of cancer is why so many people Relay worldwide every year.

The theme of this year's relay was "One World, One Hope." Scotty Wood Stadium was decorated with flags from different countries and posters covered with the word "hope" in many different languages. This theme served to further solidify the fact that cancer is a disease that has effected everyone across nations, but hope is what unites us all.

Roughly 41 thousand dollars was raised through this year's Relay. Although Colleges Against Cancer's fundraising goal for the year was 56 thousand, in hopes of beating last year's total of around 50 thousand, they were quite impressed with the amount that they were able to bring in this year.

"Regardless of the fact that we weren't able to meet our goal, we are still very happy with the amount of money that we were able to raise, especially when taking the state of the economy into consideration," remarked Frazee, who was one of the co-chairs of the event.

Fundraising for Relay For Life will continue through August 30, so those interested in making a further contribution to the American Cancer Society can do so through the Relay website at www.relayforlife.org/pamuhlenbergcollege.

Planning for next year's Relay For Life Event begins at the beginning of the Fall 2010 Semester. To get involved, please contact Lauren O'Donnell, Kelly Frazee or Melissa Pieller.



The Copasthetic Rhythms tapping at Relay.

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The five Relay Co-Chairs pose with the Helms.

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The Survivor Lap at this year's Relay.

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The Purple 101 handprint sheet.

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FROM COMMENCEMENT | PAGE 1

rently serves on the editorial boards of educational journals in Britain, Canada and Australia, as well as in the United States.

After 10 years of teaching at Columbia University, he now holds the title of Distinguished University Professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota where he recently won the university's Diversity Leadership Teaching & Research Award and also the John Ireland Presidential Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Teacher/Scholar.

Levant has authored, co-authored, edited or co-edited 14 books and over 175 peer-reviewed refereed journal articles and book chapters in family and gender psychology and in advancing professional psychology. Levant was one of pioneers who developed the new psychology of men. He has developed theory and conducted research programs on fathering and masculinity ideology in multicultural perspective and developed a number of instruments designed to assess a variety of gender issues.

He is the recipient of 17 professional awards and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, a Diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in both Clinical and Family Psychology, and a Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice.




Levant has been interviewed and profiled for hundreds of articles on the psychology of gender issues and family life, and has appeared a number of national television and radio shows, including "20/20," "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "CBS News Nightline."

Correction

from the April 15th Edition:

The Bookstore is not closing permanently. It will reopen next week after it has finished moving to its new location in the Red Door.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Showers
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'Berg PR class the talk of Allentown

BY ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

It has long been a popular saying among 'Berg students that they live their lives in a bubble. With easy access to food and social life, there is little need to venture off campus. A group of 25 'Berg students think that it is time to pop that bubble. On April 28th these students will be hosting "15 below 15th," an event that will bring their classmates downtown to sample 15 of the area's restaurants that are below 15th street.

"We wanted to highlight local Allentown venues in the hopes that students will fully utilize the downtown area," said Jessica Davis '10, one of the PR students. "The restaurants solicited were more than happy to take part in the event. So much of the culture of Allentown is in these restaurants and it's a shame for them to go unnoticed." The 25 students, enrolled in a Public Relations class, are handling all of the event details. The students were divided into five teams including Event Planning, Campus Relations, Media Relations, Print Design and an Online Team.

The student's responsibilities ranged from Facebook promotion to on-campus promotions. One group's task was to sign up area restaurants like Damascus, the popular Middle Eastern eatery on 2nd Street, to participate in the event. The PR class also designed all of the vibrant fly- seen on campus. Since all involved in coordinating the campaign acts as an excellent skills taught by the College's communications Department.

"I'm not really familiar area," said Dyanna Haltry something new, but my more comfortable sticking to what we know." The students hope the event will convince their classmates to leave their West End campus. The event is an effort to entice students to do just that. Downtown restaurateurs will be sharing free samples off their menus for the gathering. There will also be raffles for dinners at Robato of Tokyo and other participating restaurants. Featured restaurants include: Turkish Restaurant, Damascus, Aladdin, Las Palmas, Raboto of Tokyo, Bay Leaf, Sunlight, Bellissimo and Winston. The event will also be open to the public.

For the convenience of their fellow students, the PR class has arranged for free transportation to the event. Much like the Senior Pub Nights, buses will act as shut-

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Dr. Pooley and his Communications and Public Relations class.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW PEARSON

tles to and from the event. Those 21 and over will be pleased to know that after the event, Brew Works will host an impromptu event where students can stay and continue to mingle.

The project is currently making waves on the campus and in Allentown. Among some of the most notable guests is Allentown Mayor Pawlowski. "In addition to the wide variety of restaurants that make up Allentown's eclectic menu, our downtown boasts numerous cultural institutions like the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, Allentown Symphony Hall, the Allentown Art Museum, America On Wheels, and the Baum School of Art which all find their home below 15th street," said Mayor Pawlowski. "Hopefully as Muhlenberg students discover the restaurants located mere blocks from their campus, they will also explore the other exciting destinations Allentown offers."

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White House talks America's youth and health care reform

BY ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

This week the White House released a statement to media affiliated with young adults. The statement dealt with showing the benefits of the health care reform plans and how they will affect America's youth.

According to the White House, the new health care plan is designed to lower costs for young adults by providing them with financial relief and ensuring affordable coverage. The plan provides premium tax credits for young adults making up to roughly \$43,000 a year to ensure that they can afford quality coverage in the new state-based Health Insurance Exchanges which start in 2014. Millions of young adults will be eligible for these tax credits to help them afford coverage. Those who still cannot afford coverage will qualify for a hardship waiver.

The plan also supports states that require health insurance companies to submit justification for requested premium increases. Insurance companies with excessive or unjustified premium exchanges may not be able to participate in the new Exchanges. It also cracks down on excessive insurance overhead, starting in 2011, by applying standards to how much insurance companies can spend on non-medical costs, such as bureaucracy, executive salaries, and marketing, and provides consumers a rebate if non-medical costs are too high.

The White House also claims that the reforms it is making in the insurance industry are also designed to save young adults money. This year the plan eliminates all lifetime limits on how much insurance companies cover if beneficiaries get sick and bans insurance companies from dropping people from coverage when they get sick. The act also restricts the use of annual limits in

all new plans and existing employer plans this year, until 2014 when all annual limits for these plans are prohibited. Going forward, plans in the new exchanges and all new plans will have a cap on what insurance companies can require beneficiaries to pay in out-of-pocket expenses, such as co-pays and deductibles. Reform also bans "gender rating" that allows women to be charged more for the same coverage.

This year, the plan requires new plans to cover prevention and wellness benefits at no charge by exempting these benefits from deductibles and other cost-sharing requirements. It also invests in prevention and public health to encourage innovations in health care that prevent illness and disease before they require more costly treatment. Simple prevention can stop a small health problem from getting worse.

The White House also argues that the plan provides more choices that actually meet the needs of the youth by extending health coverage through their parents. This year it allows young adults to stay on their parents' health care plan until age 26.

This applies to all plans in the individual market, all new employer plans, and existing employer plans if the young adult is not eligible for employer coverage on his or her own. Beginning in 2014, children up to age 26 can stay on their parent's employer plan even if they have an offer of coverage through their employer. This will help cover the one in three young adults who are uninsured.

The plan also creates state-based health insurance exchanges so young adults have a variety of options to decide how much health care coverage they want, including a lower-cost "young invincible" coverage option for individuals under 30 years old. The exchanges

will include those options that the President and Members of Congress also have, such as multi-state plans to foster competition and increase consumer choice.

The reforms provide standardized, easy-to-understand information on health insurance plans offered in a geographic region so young adults easily compare prices, benefits, and performance of health plans to decide which quality, affordable option is right for them. On insurance security, the plan ensures young adults always have quality, affordable health insurance choices, regardless of how their lives change, particularly as young adults frequently change jobs, move, or hold part-time or temporary jobs.

The White House determined that the plan will end discrimination on the part of the insurance companies. The plan prohibits insurance companies from denying individuals under 19 years old coverage based on pre-existing conditions. Going forward, the Act will prohibit insurance companies from denying coverage to all individuals.

The Act will also end discrimination that charges beneficiaries more if they are sick and limit the amount an insurance company can increase an individual's premium simply due to their age. It provides access to affordable insurance for uninsured young adults with pre-existing conditions through a temporary subsidized high-risk pool, which will help protect them from medical bankruptcy.

This high-risk pool is a stop-gap measure that will serve as a bridge to a reformed health insurance marketplace. Its independent appeals procedure also ensures that young adults in new plans have access to a straightforward and independent appeals process to appeal decisions by their health insurance plan.

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 12 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In South Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to burnt food. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 12 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of student-on-student harassment both verbal and electronically. The individuals were spoken to and letters of no contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 12 – Injured Student – On N. 24th St., there was a report of an injured student who knocked down a dog while running. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a refusal for further medical treatment or transport.

Apr. 12 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village, there was a report of a hit and run to a student's vehicle causing damage to the bumper. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 2333 Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 13 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of vandalism to a fire extinguisher cover. A work order was submitted for it to be replaced. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 14 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a non-student possibly seen with alcohol. The suspect was identified and spoken to. Referred to another agency.

Apr. 14 – Sick Student – In

Trumbower, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded. The individual returned to class. There was no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Institutional Vandalism – At the East Hall fire lane, there was a report of damage to the concrete-filled bollard at the entrance of the fire lane causing extensive damage. Pictures of the damage were taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 14 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – At 2206 Chew St. there was a report of theft from a vehicle. A GPS unit was taken. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue. Students are reminded to keep all items out of plain view in their vehicle.

Apr. 14 – Sick Student – In Moyer, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded along with Muhlenberg College EMS. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Apr. 14 – Sick Student – In Trexler Library, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transferred to the hospital.

Apr. 14 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of lost bracelets.

Apr. 14 – Found Property – At the football stadium, there was a report of a found sweatshirt and nail clipper. The items were

placed in the lost and found locker. The owner of the items is unknown.

Apr. 14 – Unauthorized Person/People – In Seegers Union, upper level, an SEIU union person was seen handing out fliers to employees and students. A representative handed a union flyer to an employee while the employee was in performance of their duties. The individual from SEIU was located in the building and would not produce identification. Allentown Police was contacted and the individual was brought to Campus Safety for identification.

Apr. 14 – Sick Student – In Benfer Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a refusal form for further treatment.

Apr. 15 – Injured Student – At 2238 Chew St. (Hillel), there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the Health Center.

Apr. 15 – Injured Student – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded along with Allentown EMS. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 16 – Larceny/Theft from Vehicle – On Liberty St., there was a report of a theft from a vehicle. A GPS unit was taken. Allentown Police was notified and responded. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 16 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint.

Allentown Police Department responded. A Disruptive Conduct report will be issued by both the City of Allentown and Muhlenberg College. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 16 – Found Property – On Chew St., there was a report of a found hubcap to a Toyota. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner is unknown.

Apr. 16 – Social Code Violation – Off campus, information was received from Lafayette College Public Safety regarding a Muhlenberg College student who found with false identification. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 16 – Point of Information – On campus, there was a report of cruelty to animals. A possible student was seen throwing a baseball at a duck causing the duck to suffer a broken leg. Wildlife representatives responded to the scene and took over care. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 16 – Harassment – On campus, there was a report of harassment between students. Letters of no contact were issued. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 17 – Harassment by Communication – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of harassment between students. Letters of no contact were issued. Residential Services was notified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 17 – Injured Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a refusal for further medical treatment.

Apr. 17 – Found Property – In the Life Sports Center, there was a report of a found ring. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner is unknown.

Apr. 17 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of an alcohol violation. A Campus Safety officer at the scene discarded several cans and a bottle of liquor was placed in the evidence closet at Campus Safety. A covered smoke detector was found and fire safety violation fines will be sent to the occupants of the room. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 18 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student signed a refusal for further medical treatment.

Apr. 18 – Sick Student – In East Hall, B Block, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was possibly involved. Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded and the student was transported to the hospital. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 18 – Larceny/Theft – In Robertson Hall, third floor, there was a report of a theft of money from a room. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 18 – Institutional Vandalism – In Walz Hall, second floor, there was a report of vandalism. Graffiti was found on the walls. Housekeeping was notified to respond. There are no suspects at this time. Referred to Residential Services.

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Life!

"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

- Walter Bagehot

Students across the northeast speak about dining services

BY JON FALK & ADAM NEUFELD
LIFE WRITERS

We, Jon Falk, '10 and Adam Neufeld, '13 want to update you on our last two-month journey covering the student input on the new dining

contract. As student body president and freshman class president, we were able to represent the needs and voices of the student body. We were included in the first meeting Mandatory Proposers Meeting and we were present at the final dining contractor presentations. We did our best to represent over 2,000 different sets of taste buds on Chew St.

This adventure involved college vans traveling throughout the northeast, stopping at various campuses during peak meal times getting a true feel of each campus' dining experience. Throughout these various dining halls and student restaurants, we saw and tasted the good, the bad and the questionable food. During these meals, we talked with students about what they enjoyed, what concerns they had and where their hesitations lay. In addition to food presentation and cleanliness, we also observed the working environments in the kitchen and behind the lines, and spoke with employees. Our observations also took into consideration the importance and response by contractors regarding sustainability, local farming and reduction of food waste.

At one campus, we heard "it was impossible to gain the freshman 15" because the food was so bad that "you couldn't even stomach eating it." Another campus prides itself on broccoli, and each student let us know it. We saw transitions processes that worked and at the same time did not reach their full potential. From deep dish to crust-less pizza, French fries baked and deep fried, frozen burgers to fresh burgers, we were able to embody the student perspective on dining at each campus. Many

students struggled with the flexibility of their meal plans and how they encompassed their needs. Some dining halls strived for student input while others ignored to even shunning the voices of the student body.

Coming into college, neither of us expected to pay such crucial attention to the behind the scenes action of campus dining. Also, we recognized how fortunate we are that the administration included us as student voices in the process. In these various kitchens, we closely observed the fresh vs. canned ratio, the cleanliness of the kitchen experience or lack thereof, and food preparation strategies. We learned from these campuses that more or less 75% of these dining providers are the same and the remaining 25% is the deciding factor. This 25% included batch versus bulk cooking, the kosher, vegan and international dining experience and finally meeting the needs of the student body; especially, those

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with dietary restrictions.

As we write this, the selection is narrowed down to four contractors, and the competition is tight as the college works to identify the best balance between quality of food, enhanced meal plans, and finances. Regardless of the contractor chosen, the variety of food options will be great and students can look forward to a dining experience that will match the new, spectacular student union.

This would not have been possible without the help of a variety of Faculty, Staff and Administrators who put in countless hours to ensure this process was completed successfully. Our goal as student representatives was to meet the needs of our fellow students and to ensure that their desires are not just met, but surpassed. With the new student union addition, our student-body can look forward to a first rate dining experience. We won't stop until the student-body's appetites are content.

Muhlenberg College dining service vendor selection process

BY RANDY HELM
PRESIDENT OF MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

Phase I (September – October 2007)

Expiration of Sodexo contract on 6/30/10 provided an opportunity for review and evaluation of our dining program: quality, cost, and student satisfaction.

1. An external consultant is hired to advise the College on the process.
2. Review of student, faculty, staff feedback emphasized the following priorities:
 1. Preserve the "Muhlenberg experience"
 2. Address dissatisfaction with the meal plan (swipes v. dining dollars)
 3. Maximize the positive impact of renovated facilities and the new "campus restaurant"
 4. Ensure fair pricing for students, fair profit for vendor, fair treatment of workers, and financially acceptable terms for the College

Phase II (June 2008 – September 2009)

3. The review process is designed to:
 1. Include students, faculty, and staff
 2. Provide vendors with a level playing field: equal access to information and opportunities for market research on campus
 3. Pre-screen vendors for comparable college experience, proven commitment to sustainability and social justice issues, financial stability.

Phase III (October 2009-February 2010)

4. 12 companies invited to submit proposals; 6

companies expressed interest; 5 companies were invited to submit full proposals.

5. 5 vendors invited to campus for mandatory information session and facilities tour.
6. All vendors then conducted interviews and focus groups with students and staff.
7. All vendors then submitted detailed proposals, responding to a detailed outline of questions provided by the College. Proposals averaged 200+ pages each. All were read and rated by the selection committee.

Phase IV (February – March 2010)

8. Students, faculty, and staff made unannounced field trips to at least two campus dining programs for each vendor, inspecting kitchens, food storage facilities, and dining rooms, interviewing students and employees, and sampling food. Each field trip participant completed an online survey about each site.
9. Additional college account references were checked by telephone for each vendor.
10. 1 company eliminated on the basis of site visits and references.
11. 4 vendors invited to campus for final presentations and Q&A with students and staff.

Phase V (April - May 2010)

12. Committee conducts follow-up questions to ensure comparable financial data.
13. Committee asks "11 questions" (see attached) and formulates a recommendation to the appropriate committee of the Board.
14. Contract negotiations begin.

Eleven questions for evaluating vendors for the College's next dining service contract

1. Did the vendor respond in a complete and responsible manner to our request for a proposal (RFP)?
2. Did the vendor clearly demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the College's philosophical goals and operational and financial objectives?
3. Did the vendor understand the Muhlenberg community in terms of being able to successfully open and maintain a new kitchen and Campus Restaurant?
4. Does the vendor have the management and culinary talent to successfully open and sustain a program at the level of excellence we require?
5. Did our site visits support the claims vendors made in their RFPs? If not, what concerns did the site visits raise?
6. Which vendor will best exemplify the College's commitment to excellence?
7. Which vendor will best execute the International/Vegan/Vegetarian/Kosher/Halal program?
8. Which vendor will best meet the College's environmental and social responsibility objectives?
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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

By PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl,

Enjoy our final weeks here to the fullest, and keep your chin up!

It seems like just yesterday I was moving into my room, and now all of the sudden we're picking classes for next semester, deciding where we're gonna live and making summer plans! It's all happening so fast. I really enjoy myself here at college; I don't want to think about this kind of stuff! I know it sounds so weird, but I don't want to go home. I've had some of my best times here. Why do they have to end so soon? Help me handle the transition?

-Furious about being Fast

Dear Furious,

College is a time of transitions. I'm glad to hear you've enjoyed your time at 'Berg. Try not to be discouraged that the end is near. After all, you'll be back before you know it! Make the best use of your summer and keep yourself busy with things you enjoy. This will help the time pass. Also, keep in touch with your friends! Facebook is a wonderful thing. Sometimes home life can be difficult, and it is a weird time for us as we explore what independence we have, only to return under our parent's roof.

-The Panda Girl

Advice of the Week:

As Furious pointed out, our spring semester is coming to the end. It can be easy to get burnt out this time of year. Keep pressing on, keep up with your work. After all, finals are coming, you wouldn't want to miss anything important! I know it can be a bit exhausting, but it'll be over soon.

Sit down and schedule yourself enough time to both get your work done and rest up. It is helpful to be sure you have time for pleasure as well as work. This will keep you from becoming too overworked and tired. Enjoy the upcoming sunshine! Maybe write that paper out on the lawn rather than cooped up in your room. Sit with a group from your class with some tropical iced teas from Java Joes and study together. Combine your work and enjoyment, and the remaining weeks of school will be much easier for you.

Have any concerns about that summer internship? Worried about if you don't get a job this summer? Send any questions or concerns to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072.

"Blood Wedding" uses music and dance to explore themes of love and death

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

When
director
Francine

To enhance the experience for the audience, acclaimed flamenco dancer and choreographer La Conja and guitarist Ben Abrahamson were brought on board as guest artists. "Flamenco is a dialogue between life and death, and you can see and hear that in the rhythm of the music and dance," Roussel said. "The dance, for me, became a necessity, and the music did too."

Natalie Cutcher '10 plays the bride who runs away with her forbidden lover, Leonardo, on her wedding night. She says the experience of this production is unlike any in which she has ever participated. "Lorca brilliantly manages to bring the passion, suffering, joy, and beauty of Spanish culture to the stage through his exceptionally rich text," Cutcher said. "Francine took it one step further by adding the live flamenco music and dance. Now the audience's ears will be filled with the poetry of Lorca's words while their eyes feast on the strength of our movements."

The inclusion of other art forms, Roussel believes, is very much in the spirit of Lorca, who advocated "total theater," which has various theatre, dance, and musical disciplines integrated into one cohesive performance piece. She said that the cohesiveness and enthusiasm of Lorca is often missing from productions of "Blood Wedding," which usually feature just one small dance number during the wedding fiesta and leave the rest of the story to the words. "My goal is to make the music and dance part of the fabric of the text," she said. "Music and dance become another voice that is just as important as the text."

To increase the presence of flamenco in

the production, Roussel has introduced the character of El Duende, a Gypsy, played by La Conja, who has spent the semester at the College working with the students on flamenco dancing and the choreography of "Blood Wedding." El Duende dances her way through the piece, particularly through the ethereal third act.

"Blood Wedding" is, at its heart, "a story well told," Roussel said. "But more importantly, the presence of poetry in Lorca's play reminds us how important poetry is in daily life — as a way to express ourselves fully and to perceive the world with a more acute vision."

"Blood Wedding" will be performed in the Black Box Studio Theatre in the College's Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance, April 29 through May 2. Performances are Thurs. and Fri., April 29-30, at 8 p.m.; Sat., May 1, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., May 2, at 2 p.m. The show is recommended for mature audiences. "Blood Wedding" concludes the Muhlenberg Department of Theatre and Dance's 2009-2010 season.

Tickets are \$15, \$8 for ages 14 to 17. They may be purchased Mon. through Fri., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 484-664-3333 or in person at the box office, or online at www.muhlenberg.edu/tickets. Availability is limited.

A special panel discussion titled "Blood Wedding: Passion, Tradition and Challenge" will be held opening night, Thurs., April 29, at 4:30 p.m. The discussion will include Erika M. Sutherland and Eduardo Olid, of the College's Spanish department, and Jim Bloom, of the English department. Admission to the panel discussion is free.

Roussel of the Theatre and Dance department was searching for something new that she could turn into a production for the College, she looked for a play that would present new challenges for both herself and her actors. After searching around for a show that fit her requirements, Roussel came upon "Blood Wedding," the 1933 play by Spanish playwright Federico García Lorca.

"Blood Wedding" employs a rich, keen, and sharp script, song, dance, and mask work in order to tell the story of forbidden love in an oppressive society. The first two acts tell a Romeo and Juliet-like story of a passionate love affair that reignites a long-standing family feud, in rural 1930s southern Spain. But the third act is starkly different. When the lovers flee into the woods, the whole tone and feeling of the play change and become more fantastical and allegorical. Mystical, mythical characters enter the story, charged with the symbolism of death, honor and impossible love. "The third act of 'Blood Wedding' has a challenge that no other play has," said Roussel, an associate professor of theater at the college. "It explores and challenges the theatrical form."

Since the atmosphere of the play changes so quickly and dramatically, Roussel has had to find a way to make the difference effectual and believable. As a result, her approach to meeting the challenges of the piece has been to weave the music and dance of flamenco through the entire piece — to heighten the action on stage, and imbue it with a tragic dimension.

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Weekend Listings



The Back-Up Plan

Fri. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:00, 4:50, 7:30

Kick-ass

Fri. 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 5:00, 7:40

Clash of the Titans

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:00

Death at a Funeral

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:20, 7:20

How to Train Your Dragon

Fri. 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 6:50

Date Night

Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:10

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Music filling the halls of the Center of the Arts

By TORIE PAONE
ASSISTANT LIFE EDITOR

Don't be surprised if you find yourself being drawn to the Center for the Arts building in these last few weeks of the semester. Beautiful sounds are echoing from the Recital Hall and the Empie Theatre. Recently, on Tues., April 13, 2010, I attended the Jazz Improvisation Ensemble directed by Dr. Ted Conner in the Recital Hall. The talent I encountered that night blew me away, and I recall sitting in my chair feeling proud to be a student attending the College.

They say you can tell the skill of an actor by his or her ability to move the audience. If an actor playing the role of a villain can make the audience feel fear or hate then that actor has great skill. I think the same can be said for musicians. A musician is judged based on his or her ability to influence the audience with his or her instrument.

When listening to Larissa D'Andrea '13 sing "Look to the Sky," by Carlos Antonio Jobim I forgot where I was. I was no longer sitting in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts building. I was at a popular nightclub in the 1920s listening to an Ella Fitzgerald before she knew fame. I wouldn't be surprised to hear 10 or 20 years from now that some of the musicians I have been listening to at these concerts have achieved great fame and success. Their obvious hard work and skill is shown at these concerts and I recommend people go to them before the small window of opportunity is over.

Most of these concerts are free, and how often do we get to listen to great talent without having to purchase a ticket? We get to support our fellow friends and artists in their quest to connect with the world. All artists, whether they are actors, painters,

or musicians, are trying to connect with someone. They are trying to convey some sort of message. Who wouldn't want to take part in that communication? I remember feeling as though I were wearing a barrette, taking a lovely stroll on a sidewalk, with the sun shining on a beautiful April day in Paris when Hannah Brown '10 sang April in Paris by Vernon Duke. Her rich alto voice transported me to Paris, and I was able to forget all my problems of the day for five minutes. Listening to music provides relaxation and comfort, and at the same time provides education and culture.

I was sad to hear that many of the talented musicians that night are graduating, but at the same time I felt fortunate to be able to witness such talent and expertise before their departure. I think more people should attend these concerts to send support and give the seniors a chance to show what they worked so hard to achieve all these years.

It provides for a peaceful atmosphere and the music gives you a different feeling from what you felt prior to the concert. I don't know how to explain it, but being immersed in that music uplifted me in so many ways that I am looking forward to attending the last couple of concerts in the upcoming weeks to obtain that feeling once more. Performances are also held in the Egner Memorial Chapel. I went to a senior recital for Sarah Evans on Sat., April 17 and I was amazed by her beautiful voice. She is the next opera star, hands down. Sarah Brightman, who is known for her performances in *Phantom of the Opera*, has nothing on this girl.

I would suggest that everyone take advantage of the opportunity to witness greatness in the making.

A schedule for these performances is provided in the Center for the Arts, so don't waste any more time!

I wouldn't be surprised to hear 10 or 20 years from now that some of the musicians...have achieved great fame and success.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Apr. 22

- 1) *Dance Emerge* from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM in the Black Box
- 2) Personacards from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM in Seegers Lobby

Fri. Apr. 23

- 1) *Dance Emerge* from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM in the Black Box
- 2) Faculty v. Student basketball game for Haiti from 8:30 PM-10:00 PM in Memorial Hall
- 3) Improv Comedy Night from 10:00 PM-11:00 PM in the Red Door
- 4) The Associated Mess: Lehigh Valley's Premier Improv Comedy Troupe from 11:00 PM-midnight in the Red Door

- 5) Challah for Hunger from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM in Seegers Lobby

Sat. Apr. 24

- 1) *Dance Emerge* from 2:00 PM-5:00 PM and 8:00 PM-11:00 PM in the Black Box
- 2) Student Performers from 9:00 PM-1:30 AM in the Red Door
- 3) Salsa lessons from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM in the Villages common room

Sun. Apr. 25

- 1) *Dance Emerge* from 7:00 PM-10:00 PM in the Black Box
- 2) Bagel brunch and new Hillel groundbreaking from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at Hillel
- 3) ZUMBAthon from 1:00 PM-3:30 PM in the LSC Field House

SONIC opens first Allentown drive-in

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

After months of waiting and anticipation by Lehigh Valley residents, SONIC, America's favorite and largest chain drive-in restaurant where customers order from and eat in their cars, opened its first Allentown drive-in on April 14. Best known for made-to-order fast food and personal Carhop service, SONIC offers a variety of sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, and frozen drinks, along with other options that satisfy every taste.

SONIC started as a hamburger and root beer stand in Shawnee, Oklahoma in 1953. Originally called Top Hat Drive-In, it changed its name to SONIC in 1959. The first drive-in to officially be called SONIC opened in Stillwater, Oklahoma and still serves customers today.

The chain has more than 3,500 drive-ins in 42 states coast to coast with more than 3 million customers eating at SONIC everyday. With more than 168,000 drink combinations and slow-melting ice which preserves the cold temperature and flavor, SONIC is the ultimate drink stop.

According to Bruce Orwig, franchise partner of the Allentown SONIC, the partners are "thrilled to open the first SONIC in Allentown. We look forward to serving the Lehigh Valley community and delivering the fun Carhop service SONIC Drive-Ins are known for across the country."

The Allentown SONIC Drive-In is located at 1753 Airport Road. Open 24 hours and with a full menu available all day, the new SONIC will feature 22 drive-in stalls, 2 patio ordering stations, 8 tables for patio seating, and a drive-thru.

It is one of nine drive-ins in the metro Philadelphia area which serves the Lehigh Valley. The other Pennsylvania locations are Nazareth, Limerick, Reading, Philadelphia, Feasterville, and Bensalem, along with Audubon and Wainesport in New Jersey.

For more information visit www.sonicdrivein.com.

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Softball kicks ace

By VALERIE PATRIARCA
SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg's Women's Softball (11-16) has been fighting hard ever since the start of their spring season debut. They knew this season was going to be tough, and they have been fighting through it taking the season one game

at a time.

Taking a look back at the end of March, the Mules began to turn their season around when they swept Franklin and Marshall. They had just been fighting a tough string of losses, when they came up on top against F&M. After losing 6 games in a row, the F&M sweep brought the Mules back up to a .500 record. After the games junior Jess Kasza said that the team had been "working on little things" and working hard all week.

The hard work paid off not only against F&M, but also versus Washington. Though Berg ended up with a split, their first game proved their ability. The Mules led 5-3 when they entered the seventh, and then ensured their lead by adding an additional three runs. Though Washington was able to follow up with three runs as well, Freshman Angie Sisco made sure that Washington was unable to gain the lead. The game ended in Berg's favor, 8-6.

Since these games, Berg has been fighting to be on top. Against Swarthmore, Berg defeated the rival in the first game 2-0, but ended up finishing their second game 9-7; however, even though Berg lost the second game, they nearly rallied to gain the lead with Junior Alyssa Epstein hit a bases-loaded triple.

Against Moravian the Mules once again split the games, winning the first and losing the second. Though they again lost the second game, their primary focus was breaking the 12-game losing streak they had versus Moravian, which they accomplished with a 1-0 win.

Again against Haverford, the Mules came out on top the first game, winning 7-6 after scoring on an error and rallying two runs. However, like their several past games, they again lost their second game verse Moravian 8-4. Though losing the second did not help their overall record, the Mules did break a record of bases stolen. Freshman Devon Barber stole four bases making that 17 for the season, with Junior Ashley Brewer just ahead with 20. This is only the second time in team history that the Mules have stolen at least 17 bases in the same season.

Berg fought for their wins, but were unable to fight hard enough in order to conquer Dickinson. The Mules were swept 3-1 in the first game and 2-1 in the second.

The Mules did not let the losses get them down; instead, they worked harder than

ever, and this past weekend defeated McDaniel 2-1 in the first game. The second game did not end up as favorable, but the win did break the three game losing streak, putting Berg back on their game.

With only three more teams to play and an 11-16 record, the Mules need to win out their season in order to end with a winning record. They have been fighting hard all season and plan on finishing their season with a bang. Good Luck Mules!



Sophomore Brittany Blohm makes contact in one of her four hits.

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Faculty-student basketball game

By BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS WRITER

This upcoming Fri. April 23rd, there will be the first ever Faculty vs. Student basketball game. The event is going to be a fundraiser to raise money for Haiti. Tickets are \$3.00 each and are being sold in Parents Plaza this week and will also be sold at the event. The night will also have events such as a 50-50 raffle and a half time dance competition.

The two teams will be coached by Seniors Peter Barnes and Zack Rosenberg.

The faculty team currently includes:

Trish Boyles- ABE Professor

Chris Borick- Political Science professor
Aaron Passell- Sociology Professor
Mike Falk- Director of Sports Information
Kyle Hart- Assistant Lacrosse Coach
Bob Hasting- Women Basketball Coach
Cynthia Wilson - Assistant Lacrosse
Ronnie Rivera - Softball Coach

The student team will include players such as Seniors Basket Brian Frankowski and Brittany Williams.

The night promises to be a good time for everyone so come out and show some support.

Soccer heats up

Intramural soccer is really tightening

seem to be rolling on all cylinders now. They have been led by strong play from Seniors Diego Gomez and Brian "Dubber-Jaunt" Ward.

If the two of them play like this for the rest of the year they will be tough to stop.

This week also saw Mulechester United suffer their first loss to the underdog MonStars. The MonStars shocked the world on Monday night when they upset Mulechest 1-0. The MonStars brought their secret weapon Junior Christine Van Hise, who proved she is by far the toughest player in the league despite being

the only girl.

She played lock down defense and controlled the game.

Mulechester United still has to be the heavy favorites to win it all but this loss shows that they can be beaten and that the league is not as locked up as many people may have thought.

The game also shows the MonStars to be a legitimate contender. They have great goalie play from Junior Pat Rowan Uzel, and if his play keeps up they could make a real playoff run.

Cav's Corner

ing up over the past week. We have seen some teams emerge as potential powerhouses and we saw the best team in the league take their first loss. The league is becoming a closer race as each day passes and everyone is interested to see what the playoffs may hold.

The Twitterbacks seem to finally have turned things around and are now on the path that everyone thought they would be on. They won their last two games and

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BATTLING BOREDOM

Are you finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning for your daily walk? Are you making up excuses to skip the gym on the way home? Even the most dedicated exercisers occasionally get bored with their routines. Waning motivation, cutting workouts short and not having your old enthusiasm all are signs of a stale exercise regimen.

Quick Fix

First, evaluate your current routine to determine what really bores you. A new variation on your favorite activity—such as cardio-funk or kickboxing instead of step aerobics, or hoisting free weights instead of working on machines—may be enough to reinvigorate a stale routine.

If you've always worked out indoors, logging miles on a treadmill, stairclimber or stationary bike, move your workout outside for a welcome change of scenery. Run, hike or bike on trails; swim in a lake or ocean.

Bigger Changes

When tweaking your routine isn't enough, make bigger changes. Take up an entirely new activity—especially something you never thought you'd do. If you've always stuck to solitary pursuits, sign up for a team sport, such as volleyball, basketball or even doubles tennis. Or tackle something you've always shied away from—indulge your thirst for adventure with a rock-climbing class (starting on an indoor wall, then moving to the real thing as your skills improve).

Good Company

Working out alone often is an oasis of solitude in a busy day, but maybe you need some company. Exercise companions add a social element to any routine. Ask a friend to be your

workout partner—you're much less likely to skip a workout if someone is waiting for you.

Just about every sport or activity has a club; to find one, ask around at gyms or local community centers. Keeping up with the crowd also means that you'll be challenged to improve your skills. Ask about organized workouts and fun runs offered by local track clubs, as well as group rides hosted by cycling clubs.

Challenge Yourself

Many exercisers work out simply to stay in shape, and most of the time that's just fine. But setting a goal, such as finishing a 10K race or completing a rough-water swim, will give your daily workouts more meaning.

Start by incorporating bursts of speed into your workouts. After a gentle warm-up, alternate a fast pace with a slower one for recovery. This can be as simple as sprinting to the next tree, or as structured as running intervals on a track or sprinting laps in the pool.

Add Variety

Elite triathletes pioneered the cross-training concept, and it works for the rest of us, too. If you usually focus on one activity, substitute another a few days a week. Ideally, any exercise program should include elements of cardiovascular exercise, weight training and flexibility.

New Toys

Small exercise gadgets aren't necessary, but they can make your workouts more fun and challenging. Pedometers, heart-rate monitors, iPods, aquatic toys and safety equipment are just a few items to consider. Find out which new training gadgets are available for your favorite activity.

Take a Break

Sometimes you really do need time off. In that case, cut-back on your usual routine and substitute other activities. You might even find an activity that you enjoy more than your old favorites.

Once you've fought your first battle with boredom, you'll know the tricks to keep exercise from becoming too routine. Trying new sports, new classes and new activities—and learning how to throw a little variety into your old standbys—can help you overcome the nagging inclination to devise those creative excuses for not working out.

Additional Resource

Exercise—A Guide From the National Institute on Aging: www.nia.nih.gov/HealthInformation/Publications/ExerciseGuide/

If you are interested in information on other health and fitness topics, contact: American Council on Exercise, 4851 Paramount Drive, San Diego, CA 92123, 800-825-3636; or, go online at www.acefitness.org and access the complete list of ACE Fit Facts.™

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Tennis teams recognize potential in the midst of their season

By JOY FORLENZA
SPORTS WRITER

The College's men's tennis team has faced a lot of rough competition lately. Although junior Wayne Mitchel and senior Mark Apostolos managed to win for the Mules at fifth and sixth singles respectively at Haverford, the match overall marked their fifth consecutive loss. Haverford, as well as the other four Centennial Conference teams, (John Hopkins, Swarthmore, Washington, and Dickinson) have proven themselves to be worthy opponents to Muhlenberg.

However, the men's tennis team has turned their upsets into opportunities to strengthen as a team. Sophomore Jordan Rutt is very pleased with how the team has been working together this year. He said, "Everyone has been getting along great, and the team unity is really high, which makes for more effective yet entertaining practices. Our senior captains, Matt Kral and Yoni Farber are both excellent leaders and role models for the rest of the team, and do a nice job of motivating the rest of us and getting us pumped up for matches." Rutt, as well as several other players (Robbie Goldwein, Wayne Mitchel, Mark Apostolos) have really taken advantage of this season's challenges to improve their game.

Given how well the men's team has come together, the team believes they are solid enough to potentially finish around .500 in the middle of the Centennial Conference this year. They now look forward to five winnable matches to end the season.

Three of those matches are at home, so they would all appreciate some fans coming out to support them. They hope to play at a high level and finish the season

strong.

The Women's tennis team has had a similar experience to the men's tennis team. The women have also suffered losses from Centennial Conference teams, some of which are ranked as 13 or better in the region. Last Sunday, the team suffered its seventh consecutive loss to The College of New Jersey. Even so, it was an exciting match considering Junior Caitie Druker played a close 6-4, 7-5 match against the No. 2-ranked singles player in the Northeast Region.

Junior Danielle Winston still has a lot of optimism about the team. She explains, "Our record doesn't really prove to anyone how we're doing. We lost two seniors this past year from our starting line up, so it hasn't been easy trying to replace them. Everyone had to move up two spots in the lineup, and it isn't easy. But we get better and better every match, and it really is showing."

This season the team lost two close matches, both at 5-4. If they had won them, they would have qualified for the conference for the third year in a row. Even so, the team is not discouraged. In fact, they are more than confident about potentially qualifying for next year. "We have no seniors, so we have a TON of potential and confidence going into next year's season. With a season's experience under our belts, people should expect big things from us next year. It's comforting knowing we are right up there with the top few teams in the conference," Winston said.

Be sure to also show your support for the Women's Tennis team in their upcoming matches. Help them finish strong!

FROM LACROSSE | BACK COVER of their own, and the score was ten to three after three periods. Flashes of brilliance in the fourth quarter allowed the Mules to score four goals, including another from Reilly. Unfortunately, it was too late to comeback, and at the end of the game, the Mules had lost, twelve to seven. In addition to Reilly's two goals, star sophomore Alex Ardolino was able to add another two goals to his tally.

Currently, the College has five wins and seven losses overall, and three wins and four losses in Centennial Conference play, ranking them sixth out of nine teams. Despite the losing record, the team has bonded and stayed strong. In addition they currently have four players in double digit scoring. Ardolino leads the team with eighteen goals, while Jacobson and Siebold have 15. Last, but certainly not least, sophomore Clint Watkins has netted 12 goals of his own.

Muhlenberg's final game of the season is Saturday April 24. Muhlenberg will travel on the road for a match against Ursinus, who currently sits with an eight and four overall record and four and three in the Conference.

If the Mules win and Haverford and McDaniel lose, there will be a four-way tie in conference play, which could make things interesting as the conference playoffs rapidly approach.

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Win and they're in!

BY GABE HURTADO
SPORTS WRITER

For 'Berg baseball the formula is pretty simple. Win the next two conference games against Washington College, and playoff dreams remain intact. Lose one of the next two and well... start preparing for the 2011 season. After a year that has seen 31 contests come and go, it comes down to the last two regular season games to decide the team's fate. Knowing the makeup of the current team, they would not have it any other way.

Through the entire season, this team has seen the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, yet they continue to take the field day in and day out with the same business-like resolve. This mindset allowed the team to bounce back from a tough 2-5 stretch with a convincing 26-3 rout of Dickinson last Friday. In the contest eleven different Muhlenberg players recorded a hit, with seven of those batters recording multiple base knocks. Junior catcher Clint Lynch led the offensive barrage going 4 for 5 with five runs batted in and four runs scored. Also contributing on offense was junior Jeff Puklin with four RBIs and freshman Jon Sirica with three RBIs of his own. Starting pitcher Mike Speroni along with four different relievers managed to hold Dickinson to just three runs, none of which were earned. Speroni finished the day going five innings and striking out four.

In the second game against Dickinson in as many days, the Mules came up short of their 26 run outburst, but they still managed to take the game by a score of 6-3. Although the game was much closer than the previous day, a win is a win, and the team will take one of those any day. Junior Joe DiCecilia continued to wreak havoc on opposing pitching as he went 2 for 4 with three more runs batted in for the year. Sophomore first baseman Brian Beck contributed with a solid all around day going 4 for 5 at the plate and adding eight putouts in the field. It was a special day for senior

starting pitcher Phil Cresta as his complete game pitching performance notched him his 20th career win as a Mule. In the nine inning gem, Cresta struck out nine while only giving up one walk. He surrendered three runs, only two of them earned.

The next three games for the Mules did not go according to plan, as they were swept by Centennial Conference powerhouse Johns Hopkins and lost a heartbreaker to Eastern. In the 10-9 loss to Eastern, 'Berg erased a three run deficit as senior Dan Fisher and junior Jeff Puklin plated runs in back to back innings. Fisher's opposite field home run in the fifth was his first of the year. The two run single by Puklin in the sixth broke a 4-4 tie and put the Mules ahead for the first time in the game. After Eastern fought back to go ahead in the seventh inning, Joe DiCecilia hit his eighth home run of the year, putting Muhlenberg back in front 8-7. In the ninth, freshman John Muha added an insurance run with his fourth hit of the game. With the game seemingly in hand, the bullpen took over for the Mules, but Eastern would not go down quietly. After a leadoff double, the Eagles drew four walks and ended the game with a walkoff single.

Despite the recent slide, the team feels confident they will be able to finish off the job they started some three month ago in sunny Vero Beach, Florida. With a game against non-conference opponent Susquehanna on Thursday, the team will have time to right the ship before hosting Washington College for the doubleheader of the year on Saturday at Cedar Creek Field.

The start time for Game One is set for 12:30 PM. Make sure to get out there and support the team as they push to make the playoffs for the first time since 2008. With a strong tenth man, 'Berg will bring home the sweep. Plus, what else is there to do on a beautiful Saturday afternoon!?

Get out there and make it happen!



Left: Mules demonstrate extraordinary sportsmanship in victory over cross-town rival Moravian; Middle: Junior Oliver Baron is a brick wall; Right: Senior Matt Schroeder clears the ball up the field.

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Mules win one, but lose another

BY JORDAN POSNER
SPORTS WRITER

April fourteenth marked the final game against Moravian College's men's lacrosse team forever.

The school announced earlier this week that they would be discontinuing funding for both men's and women's lacrosse. A sad day for all players involved, as both teams fought to win the final matchup ever. Muhlenberg came out strong and scored a season high seventeen goals, compared to a dismal seven goals for Moravian. The team's outstanding effort allowed them to score eight goals in just the first quarter alone! Alex Ardolino, Brent Siebold, and Ari Jacobson all scored two goals in the first quarter as well. The second quarter continued the domination from the first, including another goal from Jacobson giving him a hat trick

before the end of the half. At half time, the score was eleven three in favor of the mules. In the third, Ardolino scored his third goal giving yet another Berg player a hat trick.

The team scored four more goals, and by the end of the third, they were winning by an impressive 16 to 4. The team came out strong again in the fourth looking to seal the deal, and come away with the victory; that is exactly what they did, with freshman Andrew Master-son netting the teams only goal, as the team came away with a huge victory over a tough rival. Clint Watkins also added two more goals to the total, while Charlie Pianko, Matt Saverucha, Doug Rheiner, and Andrew Masterson all recorded their first goals as part of the Muhlenberg team. Muhlenberg worked hard to win face-offs and won twenty of twenty eight during the

game. Despite Moravian only having one win, they still fought hard, but in the end, Muhlenberg way too much to handle.

Three days after the win against Moravian, Muhlenberg faced a tough matchup as they traveled to New York to play Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the number 15 ranked team in division three lacrosse. In the first period, there were no signs of life from the Mules as they dug a hole and were down five to nothing. Clint Watkins scored the only goal of the first half, as Muhlenberg went into the locker rooms down six to one. Despite being down by five, their spirits were not crushed. The freshman on the team took over the third quarter when both Jack Reilly and AJ Diaz scored goals. Despite their effort, Rensselaer scored four goals

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Sodexo dining contract renewed

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Mon., Apr. 26, in a letter to the campus written by President Helm, it was announced that Sodexo had been selected to continue on as the official food service provider for the College. After two years of debate, restructuring, and planning the Seegers Student Union renovations the decision was finally made. During this time, the College had hired a professional consultant to redesign its current dining program and select the best vendor for the College. According to President Helm the qualifications required for said vendor would be to "meet our high standards for excellent food, fair prices, responsive management, and a commitment to sustainability and the fair treatment of dining service workers."

John Corynyn, the consultant hired by the College from the Cornyn Fasano Group, had much to say about the level of commitment given to the selection process. "Muhlenberg's Dining Services RFP process has been extremely comprehensive and, without a doubt, the most inclusive in terms of student and senior-level administrative participation. There has been an extraordinary amount of time and effort expended to thoroughly and diligently assess the relative strengths

and weaknesses of each company. I believe that the decision to retain Sodexo was based on fair and balanced criteria."

Beyond the consultant, a group of students, faculty and staff were involved in a rigorous process of selecting a new vendor, designing new meal plans, setting the guidelines for proposals from prospective vendors, and evaluating those same vendors. Five proposals were submitted from the twelve vendors who met the guidelines established by the group of 'Berg community members. Each proposal averaged more than 200 pages in length.

"Beyond meeting the expectations of the College Administration, Sodexo has also been involved and transparent with the voice of the student body," said Adam Neufeld, newly-elected Student Body Treasurer, who was part of the selection process. "In addition to the hiring of head chef Jon Middleton, Sodexo shares our community's vision in helping design the new student union, utilizing local/fair-trade food, and further implementing kosher and international cuisine on campus."

As part of the selection process students, faculty and staff made unannounced visits to a dozen campuses within a 100 miles radius of Allentown. The sites were chosen so that at least two campuses were serviced by each vendor, allowing a fair

judgment of the dining services offered by each company. According to the letter sent by President Helm, each group was given an inspection checklist that "ranged from issues of cleanliness and hygiene, to preparation, presentation, and quality of food, to worker morale, to student feedback about their dining experiences."

On the other side of things, the vendors in question were also allowed to make tours of the College's facilities and see the plans for the renovated kitchen, server, and dining hall. They were also met by various members of the campus administration and select students in order to conduct market research. Eventually four vendors were given the option of taking part in 90-minute interviews on campus to narrow the playing field.

According to President Helm only one firm "did the best job of convincing us that they understood our campus culture and community values, that they had the management strength and culinary ability to provide an excellent dining experience at a fair price, and that they were committed to sustainability and fair treatment of workers. The unanimous recommendation of the dining service selection committee was that Muhlenberg negotiate a new contract with Sodexo."

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'Berg alum to appear on Oprah

BY ALANA STANFORD
NEWS WRITER

On Fri., Apr. 30, Muhlenberg alum Jacy Good '08 will appear as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The popular daytime talk show will focus on the dangers of text messaging and talking on a cell phone while driving. Upperclassmen should remember the devastating events immediately following graduation when the Good family was involved in a fatal car accident in which Jacey's parents were killed by a driver who was texting. As a result, Good spearheaded a bill in the Pennsylvania state legislature to ban the use of cell phone while driving. Her presence was also a great influence behind the recent bans in Allentown.

The episode will focus on what Winfrey has dubbed "No Phone Day" to be celebrated on Apr. 30. This will include a large-scale effort to honor victims of those distracted while driving. It will also seek to educate and activate Americans to end the deadly driving habits. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration such distractions have claimed the lives of nearly 6,000 Americans a year.

"A call or text isn't worth taking a life," said Winfrey. "We must not allow more mothers and fathers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers to die before we take action against distracted driving. Let's put a stop to it now, by joining together on Apr. 30 for national 'No Phone Zone Day', and by making our cars a 'No Phone Zone.'"

"I've made it my mission at the Department of Transportation to end distracted driving. We know that if we can get people to put away cell phones and other electronic devices when they are be-

hind the wheel, we can save thousands of lives and prevent hundreds of thousands of injuries every year" said US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. "That's why I'm proud to support and participate in Oprah's 'No Phone Zone Day.'"

A working coalition of transportation safety organizations will come together as part of "No Phone Zone Day" activities and viewing rallies across the country, including US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and the Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), the National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), FocusDriven and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). In addition, "No Phone Zone" corporate partners Sprint, General Motors/Chevrolet and Liberty Mutual will lend their support.

As a national call to action, all viewers and town hall participants will be asked to take the "No Phone Zone" pledge. By pledging, drivers agree to make their car a "No Phone Zone" and refrain from using their phone while driving, eliminating distract-



Oprah hosting her talk show.

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License, Registration, & Race, Please.

The Arizona state government recently passed a bill that requires all immigrants to carry their alien registration papers with them at all times. It also requires police to question people if they have reason to suspect that they are in this country illegally.

As one can assume, this bill has already sparked much controversy. This past Sunday there was a large, peaceful protest in front of Arizona's Capitol building denouncing this new law. Many people feel that the bill is unlawful and robs people of their civil rights not only as American citizens but as humans in general.

This law not only brings up the issue of everyone's inherent civil rights as human beings, but the Fourth Amendment rights of American citizens are pretty much thrown out the window. Giving police the right to question anyone who they think may possibly be in this country illegally essentially allows for racial profiling.

While some supporters of the bill may find this claim extreme, everyone must consider how police would justify questioning a person about their citizenship. The picture of an illegal immigrant, particularly one found just north of the Mexican border, is highly stereotypical. Images of tan skinned, Spanish-speaking men and women driving decrepit cars often come to mind, especially since this is often how they are depicted in the media. The authorities in this country, Arizona included, are not immune to these stereotypes.

Former Presidential Candidate John McCain is a supporter of this bill. He says that this is not a civil rights issue but a national security issue. He claims that because of insecure borders, our citizens are not safe. In these statements, McCain is suggesting that immigrants as a whole are dangerous and a threat to our national security.

We agree that there is a safety issue today surrounding our country's border with Mexico. But instead of taking away American's civil liberties, maybe the two countries should communicate to work towards security without potentially offending American citizens, infringing upon their rights, and essentially legalizing racial profiling. After all, America has successfully shared a border with Canada for years, no registration papers required.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Weekly Editor,

While perusing the *Weekly*, I always look forward to seeing what Alex Breiding has on his mind. While Mr. Breiding's articles are always topical and usually accurate, his most recent article, "US is In a Relationship with Israel and Its Complicated. Comment. Like" is unfortunately less than compelling, and his attempts to "expose some of the common myths and flesh out some of the important realities" has fallen flat. Recognizing that all interpretations of the facts involved in the Middle East are inherently subjective and disputable, I still felt it necessary to write in to correct some of Mr. Breiding's factual assertions.

First, Mr. Breiding asserts both that (a) there is no "historical congenital conflict between the Arabs and the Jews over this land," and (b) "Jewish culture flourished in the Arab world" in comparison to the harsh treatment of Jews throughout Christendom during this very same time period.

As to Mr. Breiding's first assertion, this is simply not true. When the inhabitants of the Arabian peninsula conquered the land in question, some Jewish tribes living on the outskirts of the built-up areas and some of the stationary inhabitants of the land joined in the conquests, with the hope that the Arab conquerors would relieve them of their suffering under the harsh Byzantine rule.

However, as has always been the pattern for Jewish people worldwide until very recently, the Jewish inhabitants of the land came to understand that their suffering was reduced only in mere increments. Not only were the indigenous Jews not given what we today call "sovereignty" over their land, but they were taxed so harshly by the Arab conquerors that many were reduced to utter poverty and destitution. See Moshe Gil, *A History of Palestine 634-1099*, on pages 150-157. Furthermore, there is a vast amount of documentary evidence that in Palestine and elsewhere throughout the Arab world, Jews were regarded as second-class citizens. And while this was frequently a step-up from the Jewish position in Christendom, the Arab instituted dhimmi laws, including humiliating dress codes, the illegality of the use of Arabic by Jews, the restrictions on worship, the appropriation of massive amounts of property through different forms of exorbitant taxation, and the random destructions of synagogues were a far

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with Israel..."

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Re: View from the Left

By BEN LEFFELL
Op/Ed Writer

In "US is in a relationship with Israel and it's complicated," Alex Breiding makes many factual errors. Consequently, his column amounts to nothing more than a feeble and libelous pro-Palestinian narrative that attempts to gain sympathy by misleading the reader. Narratives are designed to tell a particular story to achieve a particular end. They are not fact-based, but when repeated enough they gain the aura of fact and truth. It is only through recognizing actual facts and not distorting history that a peaceful resolution to the issues between the Palestinians and the Israelis can be found.

The author asserts "Jewish culture flourished in the Arab world while simultaneously it was being squelched by anti-Semitism in the West." This conflates different eras, distorts the truth and is essentially irrelevant to his argument. While it is true that Jews prospered in Muslim controlled lands until the 14th century, they were at the same time treated as dhimmis—second-class citizens with substantial social restrictions. Jewish communities continued to exist in Arab countries into the middle of the 20th century, but despite the history of coexistence, upon the founding of the State of Israel the Jewish citizens of Arab

countries had their property confiscated and were forced to leave home, many of them moving to Israel. It is of more than passing importance to note that the absorption of Jewish refugees by the Jewish communities in Israel and around the world is a paradigm for how refugees can be treated. This is in stark contrast with how the Palestinian refugees have been treated by their own leadership and the Arab countries in which they live, with virtually no political and civil rights.

Next, the author discusses the European origin of Zionism and misrepresents the facts. He claims "a small group of Zionists created a plan to create a Jewish refuge in what was called Palestine. At that time, Palestine was a fully inhabited Arab region and culturally rich area." First, this area was called the Ottoman Province of Palestine; in fact, there has never been a sovereign Palestinian state.

In 1937, Arab leader Auni Bey Abdul-Hadi told the Peel Commission—a British fact-finding mission to propose

changes to the British mandate—"there is no such country [as Palestine]!...Our country was for centuries part of Syria." Even in 1946 Arab-American historian Prof. Philip Hitti testified, "There is no such thing as 'Palestine' in history, absolutely not." Additionally, there has been a continuous—though sometime

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small—Jewish presence and communal life in Israel for nearly three thousand years.

Mr. Breiding also erroneously claims that Jews were awarded the majority of fertile land in Palestine. First, Jews were not awarded the land. The Jewish presence grew when 19th century Jewish settlers began to purchase property from willing sellers. In fact, according to Moshe Aumann, author of *Land Ownership in Palestine from 1880-1948*, by 1947 roughly 83 percent of the Jewish landholdings in Palestine were purchased from Arabs, with the other 17-percent purchased from Churches and Ottoman governmental agencies. Secondly, regarding the division of fertile land, the original partition

plan was designed with 60-percent of the Jewish state to be comprised to the Negev desert, with the Arab's state receiving most of the agricultural land. Indeed, Aumann demonstrated that in 1944 Jews paid roughly \$1,000 per acre in Palestine for arid land, while in the same year rich black soil in Iowa was sold for about \$110 per acre. The Jewish settlers moved to the overpriced and arid land and created farms; out of necessity, they invented the modern drip irrigation system (currently used around the world) and developed an agriculture-based society.

The author also created an analogy between the American Revolution and Arab insurgency against the "Israel apartheid." This is an unsupportable analogy, and it does not hold simply by calling Israel an apartheid state. The author employs a now tired but regrettably frequent rhetorical practice of using language that is designed to incite emotion and distract from facts. Israel is not an apartheid state, and labeling it as such insults not only the South Africans who suffered under an apartheid regime but the millions around the world who sought its demise.

Need I repeat here the wearisome, but nonetheless salient facts that: there are Arab members of Knesset, Arabs compete for Israeli na-

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The case of Dukes v. the Giant



VALERIE PATRIARCA
OP/ED COLUMNIST

Wal-Mart has been under a significant amount of pressure over the past decade, but its troubles are primarily derived from a court case called *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* The case began back in 2000 when a 54-year old woman named Betty Dukes filed a sex-discrimination claim against her employer, Wal-Mart. Her argument was that after six hard-working years at the big time corporation she was denied any chance to attend training in order to receive a higher salaried position. Wal-Mart, on the other hand, has reared back claiming that her inability to receive training was due to a

disagreement she had with a female supervisor concerning tardiness.

The lawsuit began in June of 2001 in the US District Court in San Francisco. Betty Dukes sought to represent almost two million female Wal-Mart employees who have been discriminated against due to their gender. These women include any individuals who have worked at Wal-Mart since December of 1998.

The case against Wal-Mart is purely based on gender-bias that, according to those on the side of the plaintiff, has been occurring for over a decade at least. The claim is that women were and still are paid less than men and were and still are given fewer opportunities for promotion. Those involved in the case seek to receive back pay and 'punitive' damages against Wal-Mart.

In June 2004, Martin Jenkins (the district judge) ruled in favor of the plaintiffs; however, Wal-Mart was quick to appeal the decision. Shortly after, Liza Featherstone published a book about the Dukes case titled *Selling Women Short: The Landmark Battle for Workers' Rights at Wal-Mart*. This book was met with great praise, but also massive amounts of controversy concerning the power of large corporations like Wal-Mart. Deservingly so, the book attacks Wal-Mart, claiming that Wal-Mart's success is solely based on its poor labor practices. Additionally, in her book, Featherstone compares Dukes to a modern day Rosa Parks.

Most recently, the federal appeals court has certified that the *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*

case is the largest class-action lawsuit in our nation's history. Just last Monday, the US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled to allow the 'combined multiparty litigation to move ahead with trial.' After ten years this case will finally get to take the stand; however, there is a potential of an appeal in Wal-Mart's case.

Since the filing of the lawsuit, both Wal-Mart and Dukes sides have been holding preliminary hearings. The booming monster has been arguing the incredibly large size of the suit, saying that the 'historic' size would be too large to 'render the case manageable.'

Judge Susan Graber fired back at Wal-Mart's cowardly argument as said that 'mere size does not render a case unmanageable.' The class-action case Wal-Mart faces does not only raise financial stakes for the company, but also judicial. It is not possible for additional individual plaintiffs to join the case meaning that Wal-Mart will most likely be against even a larger group causing even more liability on the company's shoulders.

It is funny that so many lawsuits have come up against a company that prides itself on its smiling family image. Yet even though their commercials have progressively gotten more and more frequent, their image is only getting more tainted as the years go by. Though Dukes' case is the largest the company has had to fight yet, the past decade has proven difficult for Wal-Mart's façade. For example, back in 2001 (just as the gender discrimination case was getting

underway) Wal-Mart was accused of discriminating against African-American truck drivers and workers with disabilities. After being approved by a federal judge, the \$17.5 million settlement was approved by the US District Judge Bill Wilson Jr. in 2009, a ridiculous eight years later. The plaintiffs claimed that African-Americans as well as disabled individuals were turned away when they applied for available truck driver positions. The company has continually denied any discrimination, and instead stated that settling the issue out of court was in the company's best interest.

The current case against Wal-Mart is too large to simply pay out the plaintiffs, therefore it is likely that Wal-Mart will receive a large blow not only to their piggy bank, but also to their poorly maintained image. 27,000 sex discrimination claims were already settled in preliminary court stages back in 2003. Additionally 15,000 claims, about 57%, have been ruled prior to trial, claiming to have 'no reasonable cause.' About 10% of the claims have been passed as having credit and will result in a sum of \$94.2 million; an incomprehensible amount of \$34,200 average pay out per case. The case is long from over, but it finally seems like it will be solved in the future. Dukes is relieved in knowing that she will be able to fight her case, but knows that it is going to take a lot more fight to win such a battle. "It has taken a very long time, and a tremendous amount of work, but it looks like we're finally going to get our day in court."

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tional athletic teams, receive scholarships to Israeli Universities—roughly a quarter of the students at Hebrew University are Arab—and they are also allowed to serve in the army (though they are not obligated to do so). There are Arab—both men and women—doctors and lawyers, and other professionals. It is certainly true, as it is in the US and elsewhere, that Israel's minority citizens might benefit from more government resources being dedicated to them, but who would not?

As to the roads and barriers to which the author alluded, a security barrier has separated the West Bank since 2002 in response to the terrorist attacks during the Second Intifada. While distasteful to many, and even unsightly, the fence has saved Israeli and Arab lives, and led to the reduction of terrorist attacks emanating from the West Bank. Indeed, Egypt is currently building a fence to separate it from Gaza, and the US has authorized construction of a fence to stop illegal immigration from Mexico, are we to conclude that some fences built for legitimate national interests are good, and others not good? What is the distinction between a good fence and a bad fence?

Lastly, the author discussed that Israel's basic laws "does not include a guaranteed equality for all citizens regardless of one's religion or ethnicity." He may have found the text of Israel's Declaration of Independence inconvenient, for in it David Ben Gurion—Israel's first Prime Minister—unequivocally called upon:

"the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve peace and participate in the upbuilding of the State on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its provisional and permanent institutions."

Facts and history, not narratives written for political purposes, are the only basis for parties in conflict to reach an intelligent and enduring compromise. Willful disregard of the facts, as Mr. Breiding has done, leads to neither understanding nor resolution and only serves to remove the foundation for any meaningful dialogue. The persistent use of inflammatory language and the denial of history reduces the discussion to emotions, feelings and moral relativism, which though trendy is ultimately useless and harmful. When columnists craft unsubstantiated arguments, they are engaging in a propaganda campaign where there is the significant danger that the trail of misinformation will, over time, become accepted as the truth. Mr. Breiding, you have committed a grave disservice to your name, the newspaper you represent, and most importantly the legitimate political position of Palestinian statehood that you have so misguidedly attempted to support. You might consider enrolling in one of the many comprehensive courses that are offered by Muhlenberg College on Middle East History so that you can base your ideas on facts.

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Confederate history month strikes



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

The trans-Atlantic African slave trade is a rough topic to talk about, as it involves the destruction of an entire continent through European imperialism and the structuring of a system of inequality between white people and everyone else across the Americas. Nonetheless, the topic is far too palpable to ignore, or so it seems. Governor Bob McDonnell (R-VA) tried to do just that by reviving a tradition beloved by past governors of Southern States; the month of April has been officially declared "Confederate History Month" by McDonnell in a proclamation which makes no mention of the flagrant connection between the

Confederacy and slavery in the United States.

McDonnell acted on a request to commemorate the month from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an all-male group of descendants of Confederate soldiers which has been associated with the overtly racist neo-Confederate movement. All of this is not surprising, for a celebration of a pro-slavery group fits nicely into his already impressive résumé: a graduate of Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network School of Law (now known as Regent University), you may remember his Master's thesis in which he argued working women and feminists are "detrimental" to the family. Additionally, he criticized "cohabitators, homosexuals, fornicators," and contraception. We've got ourselves a real winner here.

I am constantly baffled by the persistence of some Southern states to justify the Confederacy and vilify the US for ruining their status quo. Between some states' Board of Education selecting textbooks that reclassify the American Civil War as the "War of Northern Aggression," providing public space for Ku Klux Klan events, or employing language that champions those who fought to uphold the enslavement of Africans, echoes of slavery can be heard loud and clear, serving as a constant reminder of our racial social structure.

Virginia's proclamation is yet another disappointing example of the Virginian conservative base's subscription to the principles of the Confederacy. The

opening paragraph reads: "WHEREAS, April is the month in which the people of Virginia joined the Confederate States of America in a four year war between the states for independence that concluded at Appomattox Courthouse; and..." By using phrases such as "war for independence" the state proclamation is insinuating the succession of 1860 to be a noble act against tyranny.

The third paragraph states: "... WHEREAS, it is important for all Virginians to reflect upon our Commonwealths shared history, to understand the sacrifices of the Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens during the period of the Civil War, and to recognize how our history has led to our present; and the word: 'sacrifices' jumps out as suggestion that the war was more than simply the loss of life, but rather a surrender of something considered as having a higher claim. Of course, that higher claim was the "right" to enslave other human beings. Even Senator John McCain (R-AZ), in a C-SPAN speech, acknowledged that the Civil War was fought over slavery, beyond a revisionist history whose claim was that the issue was simply about "states' rights."

The celebratory proclamation makes no mention of enslaved Africans, the African Diaspora, or anything connecting to the 21 percent African American population in Virginia. This whitewashing of a public document shows some people's skewed perception of history. According to Governor McDonnell, the Confederacy

was "ultimately overwhelmed by the insurmountable resources of the Union army" after four years of fighting "for their homes and communities."

Naturally, McDonnell further supported his proclamation by idolizing Confederate soldiers as simple men who "returned to their homes and families to rebuild their communities in peace" which, as I recall learning about included Jim Crow barbarism, burning crosses, and continued slavery in the form of tenant farming.

Governor McDonnell revived this grotesque celebration of inequality to serve a few purposes: First, to support the established views of the Tea Party-types and their myopic small-government fanaticism. Second, to convince the nation of untruths about the Civil War era, specifically that the war was fought over "independence" or "states' rights."

From the lips of McDonnell, slavery wasn't a "significant" part of Confederate Virginia. Unfortunately for him, one of his voting blocs, the proud secessionists, disagree. They point out that the first paragraph of Virginia's ordinance of secessions states "and the Federal Government having perverted said powers not only to the injury of the people of Virginia, but to the oppression of the Southern slave-holding States."

In reality, Virginia is practically the birthplace of American slavery - 20 kidnapped Africans were brought to the James-

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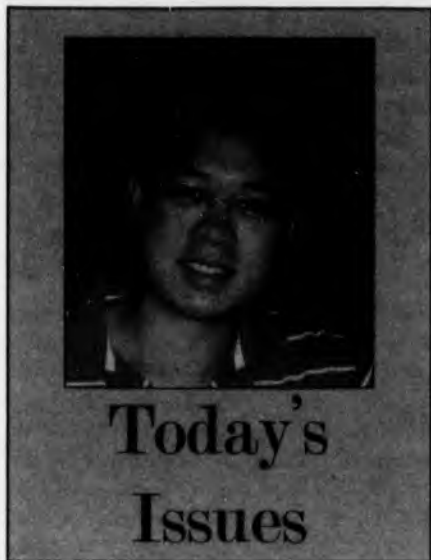
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No accountability these days



ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

During these heated political times, we often hear about or call for greater accountability from members of our government. We expect them to answer to us, the public they are supposed to serve, and be willing to assume responsibility for their decisions. Accountability is no stranger to the work place or to institutes of learning. Employees at all levels and in all fields of work are held accountable to their superiors, and students have an administration and faculty to answer to. So if this is an old idea, why are there

so many examples of a lack of accountability in today's society? I'm sorry for bringing up the oh-so classic example of a frivolous lawsuit, but it serves as a prime example of the trend of a lack of accountability. There is a serious problem when a woman who spills fresh McDonald's coffee on herself after trying to open it in between her legs is awarded \$160,000 in compensatory damages and \$2.7 million in punitive damages.

There was a case where a judge brought a suit seeking \$54 million from a dry cleaning business because they lost a pair of his slacks. The judge's reasoning was the emotional stress and inconvenience caused by the loss. Yes, it is completely legal to bring suits for any reason, because it is our right. But the fact that people believe it is okay to sue and then win money for the most absurd reasons says a lot about today's culture.

Let's move onto our education system, particularly the college admissions process. The controversial topic of affirmative action says it all when we discuss the declining amount of accountability among American students.

The practice of giving more weight to a student's race than his or her academic and extracurricular accomplishments is wrong. Affirmative action teaches minority students that they can coast by and that they are automatically entitled to preferential treatment because of their

ethnicity. This country was founded on the principles of merit and personal responsibility. Not only is affirmative action unfair, but it sends the wrong message to upcoming American college students.

The year after I graduated from high school, the school administration decided to completely remove all unhealthy junk food. The school store and the vending machines no longer sold soda, candy, cookies, potato chips, or ice pops. According to the school district and school officials, this move was totally justified because it was intended to keep young students from consuming food that could lead to potential health problems. There have been proposals, for example in New York, to implement an "obesity tax" on unhealthy food and drinks such as soda. Advocates of this type of coercive policy say that it is intended to discourage people, especially young people, from consuming products that are unhealthy. This is a noble cause, but it is completely outrageous.

It is the job of a government and school administration officials to inform the public and raise awareness about obesity and the health consequences of a poor diet, but they do not have the responsibility to force any lifestyle on anyone (even if it might be best). In these cases, it is the job of the parents and the young people (of course when they are

of age) to make personal decisions. Some people make good choices and others make poor ones. This is all part of life. One's health falls solely on the shoulders of oneself and one's caretakers. Policies such as these are obvious examples of a government or administration overstepping its boundaries.

America's criminal justice system seems to be quite relaxed these days. It's quite disturbing when the worst-of-the-worst of our prison inmates are strolling down our streets and walking amongst us. Murderers, rapists, armed robbers, child predators, and other felons can always bank on our system cutting their sentences two, five, or even ten years short. Isn't it something when we hear case after case of repeat offenders being released and suddenly reentering our prison system? Maybe it is time for them to pay the consequences of their criminal actions and be held accountable for the people they hurt.

Leniency and naïve thoughts of rehabilitation do nothing but stimulate a trend of constant criminal behavior without forcing one to take responsibility.

These examples are truly unfortunate. We live in a country where opportunity is the motto. We are slipping into an apparently carefree culture where nobody is bound by responsibility. In order for us to be successful, we need to reverse this trend.

FROM CONFEDERATE | PAGE 4 settlement on a Dutch ship in 1619. By 1763, there were 170,000 slaves in Virginia-half the population of the colony.

Clearly, Governor McDonnell's Proclamation honoring "Confederate History Month" is a complete omission of the reality of the Confederacy, its principles, and impacts on our lives today. Though it is important to be aware of our history with

slavery as to never repeat our mistakes, a celebratory month gets us nowhere closer to progress. The very idea of celebratory events about our history is academically flawed, as it puts on a façade of improvement, quelling the possibility of real progress through agonistic discourse. If we are to celebrate our "shared history," as this proclamation suggests, then the truth in its entirety must be recognized, rather than evaded, and used as a stepping stone towards realizing equality.

FROM ISRAEL | PAGE 2 cry from "tolerance." The "thriving culture" of Jews in Arab lands is only noteworthy because of its rarity. Similarly, in explaining that a "small group" of Jews in Europe, motivated by the persecutions in Europe, "created" a plan to bring Jews back to Palestine, which was fully inhabited by a thriving Arab culture.

Mr. Breiding ignores that this land had previously been expropriated from its indigenous Jewish inhabitants by non-Jewish Arabs and non-Arabs alike, including the Arab conquest of Israel in the 600s, before which the Arab population in Palestine having been negligible. And as for the "small group" of Jews "creating" a plan to bring Jews back to Palestine, Mr. Breiding seems to have not noticed that a central tenet of Jewish identity has been a desire to return to Zion since at least the time of the Babylonian conquest over 2,000 years ago.

The idea that Jews wanting to return to the land of Israel as being "created" whole-cloth in the 1800's simply ignores thousands of years of history. A central argument of Mr. Breiding's seems to be a rehash of a very old assertion that the Jews were "Europeans" (i.e. "foreigners") and the Arabs were the "natives." A comparable claim would be to call the black South Africans resettling the land stolen from them by the Boers (and subsequently stolen from the Boers by British South Africans) "foreigners," while referring to the British South Africans as the "indigenous" population.

Perhaps Mr. Breiding is under the impression that after 2,000 years and a large amount of cultural assimilation, the Jews relinquished any rights or claims to their dispossessed land. But where is the logic in this argument? Stolen land doesn't become any less stolen after

50, 100, or 2,000 years, even if the people who stole it are replaced by a new set of conquerors. If conquering imperialists must simply wait a certain length of time until the natives, claims to their ancient homelands is relinquished, does this mean that the people of the United States can finally breathe easy since a substantial amount of time has passed the indigenous native Americans. This isn't to say that Jews have more of a claim or connection to the land than Arabs, but it is certainly not the case that they have any less. To say that the Jews have less of a claim to Palestine is to necessarily say that stealing land from a native population becomes justified as long as enough time has passed.

While Mr. Breiding's summary of the convoluted, complex and multi-faceted, multi-phased military conflict is well-suited for a polemic, it hardly belongs in an explanation of the world's "realities." The conflict, which included fighting between Jews and Palestinians, Jews and non-Palestinian Arabs, Jews and British, Arabs and British, Jews and Jews, and Christian-Arabs and Muslim-Arabs included civilian massacres and war-crimes committed by all of the parties, and historians are still trying piece together the history. The point is that there is a reason why it has been called "the fog of war", and to imply that the Israelis were guilty of a "reign of terror" while the Arabs were simply the victims of injustice, is to cram history into a simplistic "with us or against us" narrative.

This isn't fleshing out reality; it's disseminating rhetoric. Mr. Breiding also resorts to the frequently disproven assertion that Israel has "Jewish-only roads," which is a blatant lie. By law, Israelis of any religion or ethnicity, including Muslims, Christians, Arabs, Circas-

sians, Druze, Samaritans, Bahai, may use the roads that are commonly referred to as "Jewish only." These roads are, in fact, open to any and all Israeli citizens.

Mr. Breiding's assertions that the Israeli police are legally required to check passports to make sure that travelers are "Jewish," is false. The fact that the occasional racist soldier or police officer may illegally abuse their power in direct contradiction to Israeli law in this way no more implicates "Israel" as a whole than does the sometimes abusive tactics of a deranged police officer on a Pennsylvania highway implicate the entire population and government of the United States.

I'm sure Mr. Breiding could come up with a good counter-argument for every argument made in this letter. I don't deny that. But that is exactly my point. Mr. Breiding is refusing to see that a situation as complex as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict doesn't lend itself to cut-and-dry distinctions. In many ways, both sides are right, and both sides are wrong.

The dialogic process isn't advanced by this false dichotomy of "good versus evil." The real world is (thankfully) much subtler than this. It seems that Mr. Breiding may have fallen into the trap of Richard Rorty's "final vocabulary." While skeptically questioning others' assumptions as "myths", he faithfully asserts his own assumptions as "realities." But the skeptical knife cuts both ways Mr. Breiding, as it should. Are you not willing to admit that your own views are only one legitimate narrative among many, including the ones with which you may happen to disagree?

Sincerely,
Mark Cantora '06

The Bookstore moves to the Red Door

On Mon., Apr. 26, the Bookstore made the trek across the hall to the Red Door. The move is only temporary as the ceiling in the previous Bookstore space is updated. Already the Bookstore has moved most of the merchandise. Over the summer, the Bookstore will return to its original location. As you can see from our photo collage of the move (below) the Red Door has never looked better!



Sig Ep reaches out to the community

By MATTHEW PEARSON
News Editor

On the warm afternoon of Sat., Apr. 24, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity traveled from the 'Berg campus to the Camphill Special School where they donated their time and effort to doing charitable work. This marks the third year that the fraternity has embarked to help Camphill Special School. This year seventeen of the brothers attended the trip. Even with it being so late in the semester eight of the thirteen seniors in the fraternity participated. "As a younger member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, it was truly inspiring to see such a strong attendance from the senior class" said Steven Mintz '12.

Lucas Csovelak '10, one of the seniors on the trip, agreed with the sentiment. "It's nice to see everyone come together in order to benefit someone else. We may be helping out the camp, but at the same time it pays off for us by allowing us to spend time together to tighten the bonds of brotherhood. Not to mention we always do physical labor and in one afternoon can see the progress we made as a group using our hands."

"It was a great opportunity to help others at a one of a kind facility that needs our support," said Ben Rosen '12. Camphill Special School is a Waldorf school accredited by AWSNA for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They are a member of the Camphill movement and the only Camphill community in North America for children with special needs. Besides offering residential and day academic programs, they also provide therapeutic care for children in kindergarten through grade twelve. Around the world there are more than one hundred Camphill communities all dedicated to social renewal through community building by engaging members of each community.

At the site the volunteering Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers worked all day to plant 200 sapling trees on the campus. "Camphill is a hidden treasure, 81 acres of beauty and I am honored to be involved in their wonderful mission," explained Mintz.

"It was a great experience and a great opportunity for Greeks to show their ability to help outside of the Muhlenberg community," said Philip Weisgold '12. "Camphill offers a great program for students in need and I think I can say for all of the brothers we felt honored to be able to help them in beautifying their campus!"

This was not the only charity that the fraternity has participated in this semester, let alone the entire year. Only two weeks ago the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity hosted a hugely successful blood drive with the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Even though the fraternity brings the initiative to campus each semester, this most recent drive was significantly improved. Over 130 members of the College community volunteered to donate blood with 38 of them being Greek. A total of 109 pints of blood were donated.

There were even five double red cell donations. These donations double the amount of red cells while a machine replaces the other components of the blood back into the donor. Having the separated red cells allows for emergency transfusion and is ready-to-go form rather than the standard donation form, which requires separation of parts and other preparation processes. "Miller-Keystone said it was the best turn out in years," said Matthey May '11.



Some of the trees the brothers planted.

PHOTO BY PHIL WEISGOLD



Two of the brothers planting sapling trees.

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The eight senior members who attended the trip.

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 19 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found pizza box and cups on the first floor in the common lounge. There are no suspects at this time. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 19 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – In Walz Hall, basement, there was a report of found cups and food items left in the men's bathroom. Graffiti was found on the walls of the south stairwell. There are no suspects at this time. Residential Services were notified.

Apr. 19 – Institutional Vandalism – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of vandalism in the hallway as someone sprayed shaving cream. There are no suspects at this time. Referred to Residential Services.

Apr. 19 – Found Property – In the New Science Building, first floor, a reporting party found a parking decal. A message was left for the owner to pick up the item at Campus Safety.

Apr. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, upper level, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding from work being done on the system by contractors. The system was silenced and reset. Simplex was called to respond to check the system. There was no further incident.

Apr. 19 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding activated by construction dust in the HVAC system. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 19 – Sick Student – In Trumbower, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transferred to the hospital.

Apr. 20 – Drug Possession (Marijuana) – In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of an odor of marijuana. Upon arrival, officers found drug paraphernalia, a homemade bong and marijuana. The items were brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 20 – Suspicious Person – In Trexler Library, there was a report of harassment by communication. A message was left on the computer. An employee spoke to the person. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 20 – Found Property – In Trumbower, third floor, there was a report of a found memory stick. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown who the owner is.

Apr. 20 – Found Property – On the football stadium, there is a report of a found nylon bag. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown who the owner is.

Apr. 20 – Forcible Rape – On campus, the Department of Campus Safety received a Jane Doe report of an alleged rape. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of Apr. 17 in a College residence hall. The suspect is an unnamed student. A notice was sent to the campus community via email.

Apr. 20 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication via unwanted telephone calls. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 21 – Vandalism to Vehicle – On Liberty St., there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. The passenger side window was smashed. The owner was notified and Allentown Police responded. The registration card was also stolen from the glove box. The investigation will continue.

It is unknown if this act is related to individuals arrested by Allentown Police earlier in the day for similar activity in the area of the campus.

Apr. 21 – Found Property – On Liberty St., there was a report of a found sweatshirt. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. It is unknown who the owner is.

Apr. 21 – Lost Property – In the Trexler Pavilion, upper level, there was a report of a lost wallet.

Apr. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – At 432 Albright St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to steam from a shower. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 22 – Check the Welfare/ Locate – In Martin Luther Hall, third floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS and Allentown EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 23 – Motor Vehicle Accident – Off campus, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a student that occurred off campus in South Whitehall Township. Allentown Police responded. The investigation will continue. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 23 – Sick Student – In the Life Sports Center, training room, there was a report of a sick student. Allentown EMS responded and transported the student to the hospital.

Apr. 23 – Flames/Smoke Visible – Off campus, there was a report of fire in a mulch patch on a neighbor's property near the Hillel House. Allentown Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. It is unknown what or who started the mulch fire.

Apr. 23 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was not transported. The student was advised by the Health Center to call back if the problem persisted.

Apr. 24 – Sick Student – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 24 – Suspicious Activity – At 437 N. 23rd St., there was a report of suspicious activity. Upon arrival, a student was found on the roof. Allentown Police responded. The student was spoken to and was advised to stay off of the roof. Residential Services will be notified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 24 – Vandalism to Vehicle – At 411 N. 22nd St. (lease property), there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. An unknown person bent the license plate and cracked the plastic frame surrounding the plate. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 25 – Disorderly Conduct – At 2238 Chew St. (Hillel), there was a report of theft of an orange Muhlenberg College parking cone. The officer identified the student and the confiscated cone. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Noise Complaint (College Violation) – At 2235 Gordon St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Officers spoke with the residents. There was no further incident. Referred to the Dean of Students and Residential Services.

Apr. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and

Transport – In East Hall, C Block, second floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Prosser Hall Annex, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Trespassing – On the football stadium, there was a report of a trespasser. Officers identified the individual. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, there was a report of vandalism to tables. Students were flipping tables over. The individuals were identified. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Benfer Hall, first floor, there was a report of an alcohol violation. Several liquor bottles were found and brought to Campus Safety and were placed in the evidence locker. The empty containers were discarded. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 25 – Institutional Vandalism – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of vandalism to a shrub. There are no suspects at this time. The cost to replace the shrub is \$70.

Apr. 25 – Vandalism to Vehicle – In the Trexler Library parking lot, there was a report of vandalism to a vehicle. A fog light was broken and the hood was dented. There are no suspects at this time.

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Hillel breaks ground on expansion project

By AUSTIN TATERKA
NEWS WRITER

On Sun., April 25 the
Muhlenberg College
Hillel broke ground

on their new house. The project of renovating and expanding the current Hillel House at 2238 Chew Street has been a long and ongoing process. Commitment to the project has grown more and more each day. The capital campaign for the expansion project began with an anonymous \$1 million challenge gift.

The renovation on the current Hillel house are far from the only changes that Hillel has made on campus. The College is the only small liberal arts college in America with a fully accredited Hillel Foundation. In fact, Jewish students make up 34.5 percent of the College's student body. The College has the fifth highest percentage of Jewish students in the country. At the start of the new academic year, the Seegers Student Union will open two Star-K supervised kosher kitchens that will be accessible to all students as part of the College's meal plan.

Hillel Director and Jewish Chaplain Patti Mittleman looks forward to the changes at the College. "We have a growing number of kosher observant students who helped guide the College through the addition of the kosher kitchens in the Student Union. Having kosher kitchens in both the Student

Union and at Hillel will help our chef in preparing for the hundreds of students who join us at Hillel for Shabbat each week."

With over a 300 percent growth in Jewish students at the College in the past 20 years, Hillel staff, student leadership and the College administration have created a vision for the addition of a Shabbat Dining Room with seating for over 300 people, a dedicated sanctuary, an institutional kosher kitchen, additional student and staff office space and a student-designed lounge. The new Hillel House will have close to 20,000 square feet. The space will be available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Jonathan Falk '10, Muhlenberg's Student Body President and past Hillel President, explained Hillel's need for the new property. "The Hillel House isn't just a building on campus. For me and hundreds of other students, Hillel is our home at Muhlenberg. I am proud to say that in my four years at Muhlenberg I have seen my Jewish family on campus outgrow our family's home."

Spillman Farmer, the architect leading the project, is committed to preserving the home-like qualities of the existing Hillel House, ensuring that it will remain a comfortable space for students to congregate.



President Helm gives his speech in the rain.

PHOTO BY EMMA TAFFET



Patti Mittleman breaks ground in front of the crowd.

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The Trustee Audit and Compliance Committee accept-

ed that recommendation on Friday, and we will begin negotiations immediately."

President Helm also went on to thank each member of the dining service selection committee and other members of the community who were responsible for evaluating each potential vendor. These individuals included Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, Karen Green, Dean of Students, Connie Harris, Vice President of

Development and Alumni Relations, and Chris Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

Besides the members of the selection committee, special thanks were also given to Christine Bartholomew, Sara Bombaski '10, Tom Dougherty, Jonathan Falk '10, David Furman, Ian Levine '11, Jenny McLarin, Hannah Mesouani '11, Patti Mittleman, Adam Neufeld '13, and Mark Stein.

"It was a thorough and intense process and a really interesting and extremely informative experience. It was more than a year of surveys, focus groups sessions and interviews with involvement from students, faculty and staff. After more than 1200 pages of documentation,

hundreds of miles of unannounced site visits, reference checks, evaluations and asking hundreds of questions and verifying hundreds of responses, the committee was charged with a tough decision to make," said Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union, who was also an intricate member of the selection committee.

"In the end, it came down to several questions that were posted in President Helm's piece on the RFP process, in last week's Weekly. The committee unanimously recommended Sodexo to the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Trustees, with the intent to enter into negotiations for the new contract immediately."



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"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

- George Bernard Shaw

Half the student body sings along with Craig Robinson

BY BEN LEVINE
OP/ED EDITOR

Memorial Hall for what easily turned into the most well attended event this semester. Following an extensive voting process, the Muhlenberg Activities Council brought Craig Robinson to campus for the annual spring stand-up comedian.

The "routine" turned into a question and answer session with the crowd. This may have been the highlight of the show.

Last Thurs., April 20, over half the student body piled into

While Robinson has proven to be funny on screen, many students found his live performance, one centered on his surprising but unexpected piano-playing abilities, to be somewhat lacking. His mediocre performance

was made all the more painful by his seemingly affable qualities. However, he may have only seemed disappointing because of the high expectations that the audience had going into the show.

Anton Shuford opened for Robinson, and frankly, he was the highlight of the night. With the exception of a tasteless, homophobic joke, Shuford had the audience in stitches from the moment he jumped on the stage. He avoided the joke we have all heard so many times - we know that this school has a lot of white students. A high-energy story about his battle for a World Series foul ball with a paraplegic fifth grade boy, which ended in the boy's "face hitting [Shuford's] foot," had the audience roaring. (After the show, Shuford encouraged student fans to look him up on Facebook to find out more about his act.)

Then, he introduced Robinson, who took the stage, dapped Shuford, and instructed

Craig Robinson playing his keyboard.

PHOTO BY DEBORAH WARD

Robinson apologized for his subpar performance. I couldn't help but pity Robinson. He seemed like a genuinely nice, friendly guy, but he was bombing.

The "routine" turned into a question and answer session with the crowd. This may have been the highlight of the show. Someone in the crowd asked him who the funniest person on *The Office* was, to which he replied (after a long internal debate) that Ed Helms was the funniest. After a few more awkward songs, he thanked the audience for its patience and left those who were patient enough to stay grumbling, and puzzlingly looking at their neighbors.

Even though having an audience walk out on you would surely anger a normal comedian, Robinson stuck around after the show and was accessible to students.

I urge Robinson (if he happens to stop by the College on Thursday and pick up a paper) to come back when he has fully practiced a new routine.

It must be said that MAC deserves a pat on the back for bringing a comedian of Robinson's stature. The activities council is already planning another big-name stand up act for next year, so keep any eye out in the fall. Another comedy duo could draw the same twelve hundred-student crowd (or more), and hopefully receive a less critical review.

work in *The Office* and *Hot Tub Time Machine*. Those like me who were unaware of his youtube.com shorts were in for a surprise. Robinson started playing epic music, receiving uproarious laughter, and made a joke that this was the music every man hears in his head when he is about to have sex with a woman. He then continued playing songs, with no apparent connection, while making sporadic jokes. With every joke, the laughter got quieter and quieter. A low in the show was when he pointed out that the College's name sounds like the name of a bad detective show. At this point, someone shouted what most of the people in the audience were thinking: "You're more f***ed up than I am!" To which he replied, "Impossible."

Robinson rumbled down the steps to renewed cheers... Those who...were unaware of his youtube.com shorts were in for a surprise.



Craig Robinson looking out at the audience.

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Craig Robinson playing his keyboard.

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Craig Robinson holds up his hands to quiet the audience.

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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl,

I love the ladies, but my game let's say is non-existent. Girls used to dig me but lately no girls find my personality attractive. People say I shouldn't be so judgmental but I tend to judge them when they tell me that I don't even know how to act in a socially appropriate manner with the opposite sex anymore. I don't know where to go from here. I need your panda advice.

-Desperate for Lovin'

Dear Desperate for Lovin',

You say that girls used to be interested in you. Do you know what it was they seemed to enjoy about you? This would be a great place to start. Was it your smile? Smile more! Was it your jokes? Tell them! Was it your kind heart? Be kind! All in all, the biggest panda advice I can give you is that confidence is sexy. It sounds like you're being a little hard on yourself. Take some time to really assess yourself and your assets. What do you really like about yourself? Your intelligence? Your good looks? Your optimistic nature? By focusing on the strong points about yourself, you can carry yourself knowing what a wonderful person you are. To put it bluntly, no one can love you until you love yourself. Say to yourself "I am awesome." If you believe it, it will show, and the ladies will notice. I'm not going to sit here and give you pick-up lines or anything like that, because that stuff is too generic. If you really are desperate for some companionship, it should be with someone who enjoys you for who you really are. The next time you want to approach a lovely lady, remember those things that you pride yourself in, and go ahead and say hello. A confident "hello" that has subtext of "I'd really like to know you, because I'm awesome and so are you" can be really great to get some sparks flying.

-Panda Girl

Dear Panda Girl,

I think I have a fear of putting myself out there. I tend to hold myself back when I'm in situations of potential intimacy. I feel like I'm missing out when it comes to young love, but I don't want to be the "hook-up" girl. How do I break my walls down without succumbing to promiscuity and walks of shame?

-Panic in Purityville

Dear Panic in Purityville,

The world can send us women some really mixed messages about what we should or should not do as far as sexuality is concerned. Think to yourself: What is it you want from a boy? What are your boundaries? If you figure that out and promise yourself "I'm okay with X but I won't do Y," you'll have already made the choice when thinking clearly, rather than trying to fumble around with the decision in the heat of the moment. Always remember that you do not have to do anything you are not comfortable with, no matter what anybody says. It is your body and your life. Hormones can be a very persuasive force in our lives, but try not to let them take control. Emotional connection can be reflected and expressed through physical connection, BUT NOT VIS-VERSA! A "hook-up" girl is a girl with no strings attached, a girl who will do whatever physically with a guy without any emotional attachment. If you want to avoid that route (which you should!) then make that boy show you that he loves you. And figure out how you feel about him. If you don't want to be easy, then don't make it easy. Make him work for it, girl!

- Panda Girl

Advice of the Week:

One more week. One more week of classes. Only one. Then finals kick us in the butt.

You have the weekend ahead of you; use it to your advantage! Get some of those final projects started or completed during your free time. Yet I'm sure you're all quite aware of that, as you have your parents and professors telling you the same thing.

I'm here to tell you to catch up on some other things. Catch up on some sleep. Get those eight hours, and you'll be surprised how much more energized and ready for work (and play!) you'll feel.

Yes, studying is important, but it is also important to take breaks, and not overwork yourself. Take a break to watch a silly YouTube video while you tidy up your work space, or have a snack, or just hang out with a friend or two.

A good productive way to walk away from your work is to start to clean and pack your room. We'll be moving out soon, so get a jump on it when you need to get the heck away from those books. Make a jolly time out of it turn on some music, and dance while you clean. Good luck Mules!

Send any questions or concerns to AskPandaGirl@gmail.com or to box 2072.

This weekend on campus

Thurs. Apr. 29

- 1) MCTV Senior Shoutouts all day in Seegers Lobby
- 2) "Blood Wedding: Passion, Tradition, and Challenge" panel discussion from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm in the Black Box
- 3) Blood Wedding from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in the Black Box
- 4) Faculty research symposium with Professor Aaron Passell from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in Ettinger 203
- 5) Biology Honors Seminar with Tiffany Zehner from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm in Trumbower 130

Fri. Apr. 30

- 1) Challah for Hunger from 11:00 am-2:00 pm in Seegers Lobby
- 2) Blood Wedding from 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in the Black Box
- 3) Muhlenberg Chamber Orchestra from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm in the Empie Theatre
- 4) College alumni Jacy Good '08 will appear on Oprah at

4:00 pm on ABC Channel 6

- 5) Community Garden work day from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at 2208 and 2214 Chew Streets

Sat. May 1

- 1) Blood Wedding from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm and 8:00 pm-11:00 pm in the Black Box
- 2) Muhlenberg Wind Ensemble from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm in the Empie Theatre
- 3) Community Garden work day from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at 2208 and 2214 Chew Streets

- 4) Salsa Lessons from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm in the Village Common Room

Sun. May 2

- 1) Blood Wedding from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm in the Black Box
- 2) InAcchord A Capella's spring concert 2010 and photo and autograph session from 4:30 pm-6:00 pm in the Center for the Arts Galleria

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Weekend Listings



The Back-Up Plan

Fri. 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
Sat. 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
Sun. 2:20, 4:50, 7:45

Kick-ass

Fri. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:20, 7:10

A Nightmare on Elm Street

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

Death at a Funeral

Fri. 4:40, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:10, 4:40, 7:10

The Losers

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00

Date Night

Fri. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:20

The White Ribbon opens at Civic

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

On Fri., Apr. 23, the German film *The White Ribbon* opened at the Civic Theatre of Allentown. The highly acclaimed movie received the Palme d'Or award, the highest recognition, at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival, along with two other awards. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film.

The White Ribbon is a chilling tale of twisted human nature. Set in a northern German Protestant village on the eve of World War I, the puritanical pastor who rules over the village causes his students to have guilty consciences. To remind them of the innocence and purity they have started to lose, the students are forced to wear white ribbons. Throughout the movie mysterious events begin to unfold which take on the form of ritual punishments. But who could be responsible for the bizarre transgressions remains just as mysterious as the events themselves, while the children's involvement becomes increasingly twisted and intriguing.

Todd McCarthy from "Variety" says that *The White Ribbon* is "immaculately crafted in beautiful black-and-white and entirely absorbing."

Located at 514 N. 19th Street next to Wachovia Bank and across the street from Civic's 19 Street Theatre, Civic's Theatre514 is proud to offer to the residents of the Lehigh Valley the best of independent, foreign, art house, and documentary cinema.

Free parking for the theatre is located along Liberty and Allen Streets and in the Wachovia Bank parking lot at 19th Street and Liberty.

Showtimes for *The White Ribbon* are Mon., Apr. 26 through Thursday, Apr. 29 at 7:30 pm. For more information about Civic's film schedules visit www.CivicTheatre.com or call 610-432-0888.

The Art of the Steal to open at Civic

By MELISSA ROTH
LIFE EDITOR

On Fri., Apr. 30, *The Art of the Steal* will open at the Civic Theatre514. This documentary about Philadelphia's Albert Barnes and what happened to his collection after he died may be very near and dear to the hearts of Pennsylvania residents.

An avid art collector, Barnes gradually gathered one of the most incredible private art collections in existence. Some of his most prized works including those of Van Gogh, Renoir, Picasso, and Cezanne. Because he thought that the attitudes of most art collectors and experts were pretentious, Barnes opened the Barnes Foundation in 1922 where the art could only be viewed by invitation. When he died in 1951, Barnes left explicit instructions stating that his collection should not be bought, sold, lent, or in any way removed from his property.

The Art of the Steal explores how these wishes were violated after his death and how the spaces collection was broken up and scattered in museums and exhibitions all across the globe.

Manhola Dargis of the New York Times says that *The Art of the Steal* is "a hard-hitting documentary about a high cultural brawl" while David Edelstein of the New York Magazine calls it a film that is "calculated to enrage and pulls it off like gangbusters."

Showtimes for *The Art of the Steal* are Fri., Apr. 30, at 8:00 pm; Sat., May 1 at 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm; Sun., May 2 at 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm; and Mon., May 3 through Thurs., May 6 at 7:30 pm. For more information about Civic's film schedules visit www.CivicTheatre.com or call 610-432-0888.

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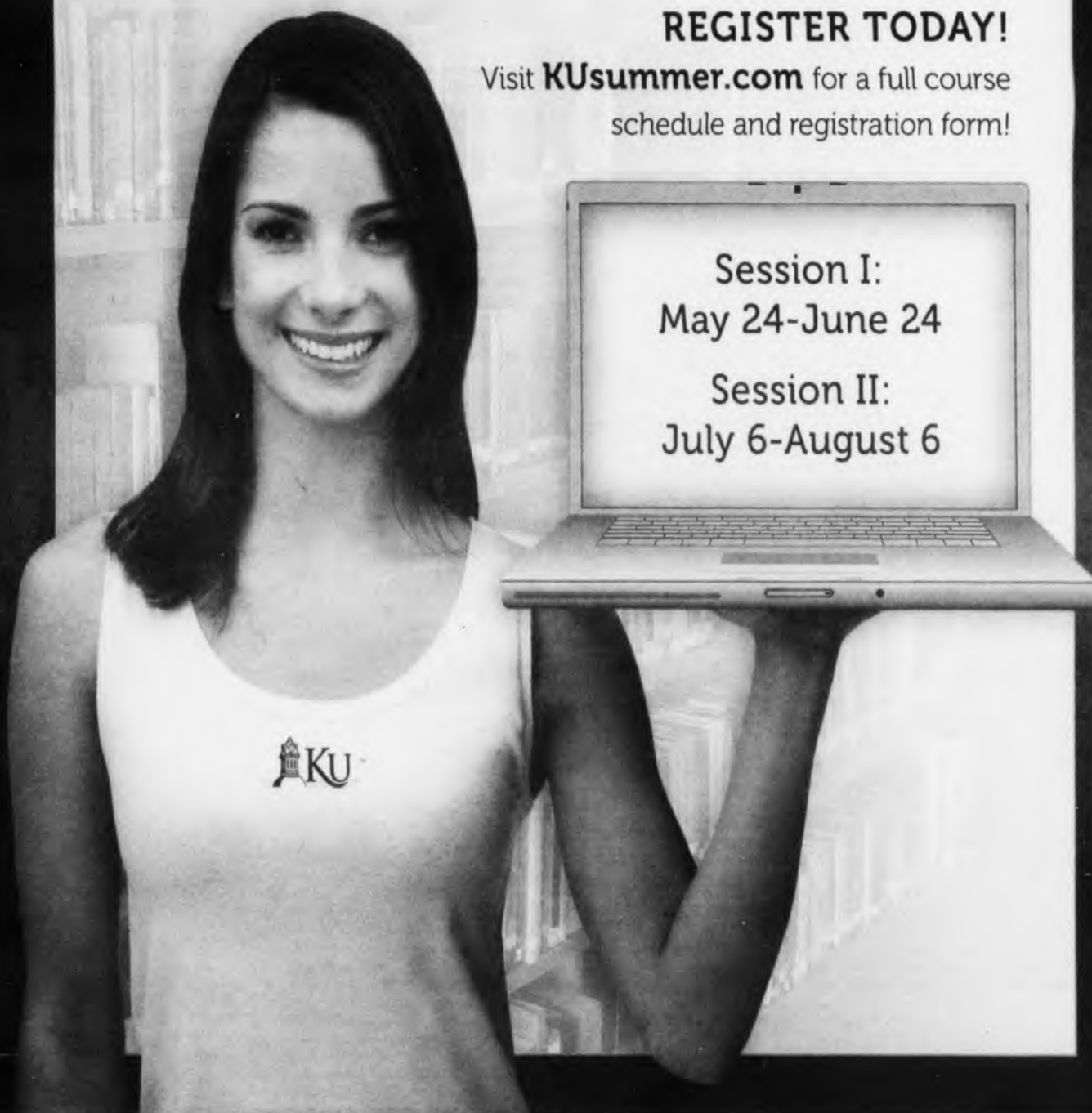
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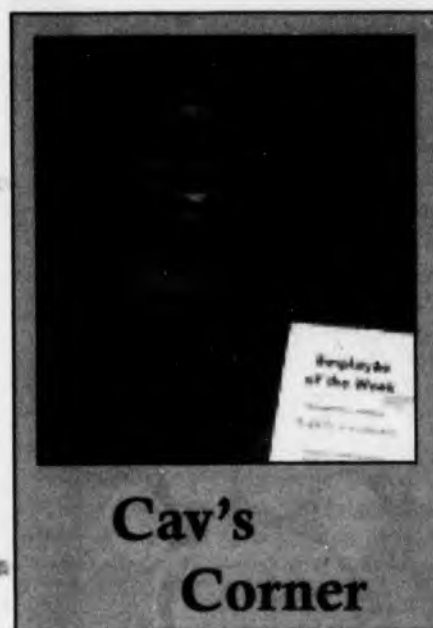
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IM Soccer playoffs



BUDDY CAVALIERI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Intramural Soccer season has come to a close this week and it is finally time for the highly anticipated playoffs to kick off. The top ten teams received bids to the playoffs and when the bracket was all laid out it looked to be an absolutely great road ahead. The first round consisted of two play-in games featuring the Twitterbacks vs. Pedroastan and Drew Howleywood Story vs. Afternoon Delight. Both the Twitterbacks and DHS won their games in convincing fashion proving they should be in the final bracket.

The next round is where things really got interesting and started heating up. In the first game of the round the MonStars were defeated by the Wrestlers. The MonStars were actually a seed lower than the Wrestlers but had to be the favorites based on how well they had been playing. The Wrestlers showed that they are just as good as in past years and have advanced to the semi-finals. The Drew Howleywood Story went on to defeat the one seeded DTD team in the next round

so will be meeting the Wrestlers in the semi-finals. DHS was led by Seniors Ivan Brown and strong defensive play by Andrew Bell. They are the hottest team in the bracket right now and could be a real problem for any team over the remainder of the tournament.

The Twitterbacks also won their second round game defeating the two seeded ATO team. The Twitterbacks have been nearly unstoppable as of late and showed a tremendous ability to score goals in bunches. Senior Brian Frankowski has really stepped up his game in the playoffs and has shown some serious scoring ability. The Twitterbacks will be meeting Mulchester United in the semis. Mulchester defeated SigEp in their second round game. That was their third meeting this year with SigEp and they managed to beat them for a third time—never an easy task. The Twitterbacks vs. Mulchester United game has to be the game of the year. These two teams have so many great players and I know everyone is interested to see how this one turns out.

By the time this article is released both the semi finals and the championship game will be over so I am going to go ahead and make some predictions. I think Drew Howleywood Story will win their semi-final game in convincing fashion. I think the Twitterbacks vs. Mulchester United game is going to be just as great as advertised and is really going to come down to the wire. I don't see too many goals being scored in this one because both teams are too good to let the other one run all over them. I think it may even come down to a shootout which may give the Twitterbacks the advantage. The Twitterbacks are known to let Senior Diego Gomez play goalie during the shootouts and he is probably the best goalie in the league in a situation like that. Basically I predict the Twitterbacks vs. DHS in the championship game.

From there, anything is possible but I think the Twitterbacks have the slight edge and will pull it out for an Intramural Champs T-Shirt.

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DIET MYTHS DEBUNKED

In a society that is becoming increasingly health conscious, more and more information is constantly coming out on how to lose weight, how to get fit, how to eat, sleep, breathe—everything under the sun that will help you get healthy! It's a wonder that before this information was available people were able to survive—let alone live healthy lives!

The fact is, people did survive, and were—and are—still healthy without all the weird, scientifically suspect practices that people get tricked into. Nutrition is one of those fields that is inundated with quacks who will try to sell you the latest secret to weight loss. A basic myth-spotting motto: If it sounds too good to be true—it is.

Don't Be Tricked

Here are some common diet myths that people futilely follow in hopes of losing a few pounds.

- **Eating late at night will cause you to gain weight**—Eating late at night, or at any particular time of day, will not cause you to put on more weight than what is normal for what you ate and the activity you did. Weight gain occurs when you consume more calories than you expend, whether that occurs in the middle of the day, the morning or at night. However, in reality, people who eat a lot of food late at night tend to consume more calorie-dense foods and thus eat more calories—which can cause weight gain.
- **You should eat each food group separately for optimal digestion**—Your digestive system is made to handle more than one type of food at a time. It is true that carbohydrate, protein and fat are all digested by different mechanisms, but they can all work simultaneously. Keep in mind that few foods are purely carbs, purely protein or purely fat—so it doesn't make sense that you can't mix them.
- **Low-carb/high-protein/no-fat diets are optimal for weight reduction**—A type of diet consistently shown to cause weight loss is a low-fat diet. The key is that you have to eat fewer calories to lose weight, and fat has the most calories per gram, so it's easiest to cut calories by trimming the fat. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend 20 to 35% of dietary calories come from fat, 10 to 35% from protein, and 45 to 65% from carbohydrate. All of these macronutrients, as well as micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) are essential in the proper amounts for optimal health.
- **Carbohydrates are bad for your health and cause weight gain, and therefore should be avoided**—As far as weight loss goes, the proportion of macronutrients—carbs, fat and protein—consumed is not as important as the total caloric intake versus caloric expenditure. However, foods rich in fiber and protein tend

to be the most filling, which in theory would lead to a reduced intake of food and calories compared to high-fat foods and low-fiber carbohydrates. From a heart-health perspective, the healthiest overall meal plan appears to be a Mediterranean-type eating plan, which is rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and omega-3 fatty acids from fish, and low in saturated fat, trans fat, sodium and added sugars.

- **Skipping meals is a good way to lose weight**—In theory, skipping one meal while keeping everything else in your diet the same will help you lose weight. But when you skip a meal, your eating pattern changes and you tend to overeat and overcompensate later—which will likely lead to weight gain.
- **The number of meals eaten each day—three square meals or five or six small meals—has a huge impact on weight management**—Because weight control is achieved by balancing the number of calories consumed with the number burned, it doesn't really matter if the calories come in the form of three large meals or five or six smaller ones. However, some people find that they're better able to control their intake one way or the other. In the end, it's a matter of preference.
- **Grapefruit will speed up your metabolism**—We've all heard of the grapefruit diet, the lemon juice diet and a number of other diets that focus on the "secret ingredient" or "magical compound" found in certain foods. Unfortunately, there is no magic bullet to weight loss. There is no food that will help you burn more calories. The only surefire way to speed up your metabolism is to exercise and build muscle.
- **Rapid weight loss can be maintained**—There are many diets out there that promise rapid weight loss, even 10 to 20 pounds in a week. This amount of weight loss is possible on extremely restrictive diets, but it can't be maintained. A large portion of the weight lost on these types of diets is water and lean tissue, so the minute you get off the diet and go back to eating normally, you'll gain the weight back—and probably more.
- **You have to stop eating your favorite foods to lose weight**—The most successful approach to weight loss and weight-loss maintenance is to make permanent lifestyle changes that include a healthful eating plan and ample physical

activity. A "diet" is not the answer. A healthy lifestyle allows for all foods in moderation.

The Truth

Losing weight and achieving health-related goals requires effort and commitment. Lifestyle behavior changes are typically required to maintain weight loss. Anything above a weight loss of 1 to 2 pounds per week is difficult to maintain. For healthy weight loss, follow these science-based tips:

- Follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. These are summarized at www.MyPyramid.gov, which provides tools to help you plan and track your diet and physical activity.
- Get moving! Increase your physical activity with an exercise program, or do simple things like take the stairs, park farther from your destination or walk to do your errands.
- Surround yourself with support. Encouragement from friends and family is essential when you find yourself unmotivated. If you know someone with similar goals, make him or her your diet/workout buddy and keep each other accountable.

Additional Resources

ACE Fit Fact™: "Successful Weight Control"
American Dietetic Association—Weight Management Nutrition Fact Sheet: www.eatright.org
ACE Lifestyle & Weight Management Consultant Manual, 2nd ed., Appendix C: Frequently Asked Questions

If you are interested in information on other health and fitness topics, contact: American Council on Exercise, 4851 Paramount Drive, San Diego, CA 92123, 800-825-3636; or, go online at www.acefitness.org and access the complete list of ACE Fit Facts.™



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Lax season wrap up!



BY ALEX MCBROWN
SPORTS WRITER

This past Sat., the College wrapped up another productive lacrosse season, taking down Centennial Conference opponent Ursinus, with a final score of 9-3. This margin of victory was aided by a defense that tied the school record for allowing the least amount of goals scored in a Centennial Conference game. Unfortunately for the Mules, continuation of the season into the playoffs was contingent upon a very specific set of wins and losses around the conference. While the CC victories that weekend did not pan out in the Mules' favor, their dominant performance against Ursinus undoubtedly left the team with high hopes for next season.

In their final game, the College's men's lacrosse team was deadlocked at zero until late in the third quarter when Freshman Doug Rheiner gave Muhlenberg their first lead of the game. Sophomore Corey Aferiat and Senior Al Carpetto each tallied a goal, putting the Mules at a 3-3 tie at the end of the third quarter. In the fourth quarter alone, Senior Ari Jacobsen scored two goals, one unassisted, and one fed from Sophomore Chase Nadell. Nadell also had a goal of his own less than two seconds later. Sophomore Clint Watkins added a fourth, putting an exclamation point to the putative end to his season.

The real story about this game, however, was the stalwart defense led for the last time by Senior Captain Matt Schroeder. Schroeder scooped up a total of four ground balls on the day, leaving him with a staggering 46 for the season. Junior Tom Brant racked up an unheard of eight ground balls during the game, leaving him with 45 on the season and a close second to Schroeder. In addition, Junior Mike Horowitz was a veritable brick wall in the net, stopping 13 shots, including an impressive five in the final quarter. While this may not have exactly been the finish that the Mule seniors were looking for, there is no arguing that all of these athletes played their hearts out for their seniors, who left it all out on the field. The team ended their season with a 6-7 record overall, and an even 4-4 record within the Centennial Conference.

Considering the entire season retrospectively, point leaders for the Mules did quite well in comparison to the rest of the Centennial Conference. The Mules improved their performance exponentially compared to the previous year against out of conference opponent Steven's Tech, losing by only one. Montclair State proved to be a formidable foe yet again for the Mules, inching out a win by just a one-goal margin. Marywood dealt the College their third of four consecutive one-point decisions in a heartbreaking 5-6 loss. The Mules quickly recovered by defeating perennial powerhouse Washington College in yet another one-goal

game, shocking the Centennial Conference and asserting the potential of this Muhlenberg team.

The Mules subsequently fell to nationally ranked Gettysburg College, bouncing right back by surprising all naysayers once again in an overtime defeat of ranked Haverford College. Haverford, at the time, was ranked 13th in the country, which made this win particularly compelling within the Centennial Conference. Just three days later, the College overpowered CC opponent Swarthmore in a 9-8 victory. After losing in triple overtime to a skilled Franklin and Marshall team, the Mules then went on to lose two more close ones. The team rallied from this string of losses to overwhelm Moravian in a rather sentimental game, as this putatively marked the last time that the two teams would meet on the playing field in a formal setting. The Mules lost another close one to nationally-ranked Rensselaer, and finished up the year with their compelling defeat of CC challenger Ursinus College.

On the season, Sophomore Alex Ardolino, Junior Brent Siebold, and Sophomore Clint Watkins led the team with 23, 20, and 20 points respectively. Watkins led the assist category with 7, while Ardolino topped the goal scoring list with 19. As was aforementioned, Schroeder and Brant led the ground ball category, followed by Watkins with 29. Tom Brant caused a team-high 21 turnovers, followed by Schroeder with 17 and Junior Andy Curley with 11.

Junior Goalkeeper Mike Horowitz boasted a .582 save percentage with 135 saves. Freshman faceoff artist Ian Jones maintained the highest faceoff percentage on the season with .508 win percentage on 63 attempts. Sophomore Nick Rispoli and Freshman Mike Carpetto followed suit with a faceoff percentage of .481 and .463, respectively. Newcomers Jack Reilly, AJ Diaz, and Doug Rheiner, all posted impressive statistics, indicative of a bright future for the Mules.

This past season produced a Mule team with one of the most talented group of athletes in recent history. Their depth all the way down to their rising sophomore promises a bright outlook for the team. Hard work and dedication in the off-season will certainly put the team in a position to overcome those one-point deficits and make an impact in the Centennial Conference for years to come.

Led by rising Seniors Andy Curley, Tom Brant, and Mike Horowitz, next season will be approached with tenacious temperment and an optimistic outlook. This season has proved that all of the pieces for a dominant Mule team are there, they just need to be assembled in the off-season. The Mules will rely on excellent recruiting for a new freshman class to supplement their already skilled core of athletes. Keep an eye out for the Mule lacrosse team doing big things next year!



Top Left: Senior Al Carpetto's finished with six goals for the season, three times more than when we began the season; Top Right: Sophomore Nick Rispoli won four faceoffs this past weekend; Bottom Left: Junior Mike Horowitz has been named the CC player of the week twice this season; Bottom Right: Senior Ivan Brown rushes up the field to aid his team.

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While the Baseball team doesn't make the conferences they still have a notable season.

Sodexo's Sustainability

BY MATTHEW PEARSON
NEWS EDITOR

As previously reported, the College recently renewed their dining contract with Sodexo. As part of the new agreement, Sodexo has released a statement that explains the new initiatives they plan on bringing to the campus. The following are excerpts from the statement that The Weekly felt would be of interest to the student body...

"We will reduce our carbon intensity across all our operations and clients' sites. Climate change is expected to cause rising temperatures, rising sea levels, and damage to natural ecosystems over the coming decades. These consequences of climate change are projected to become the leading cause of hunger and supply chain disruptions in

the near future. The two biggest sources of climate altering greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. are commercial buildings and agriculture. We at Sodexo are heavily involved in both of these sectors and feel that reducing our carbon intensity is not only the right thing to do, it is also an opportunity to reduce operating expenses and establish Sodexo as an important partner in our clients' sustainability efforts."

"We will reduce our water intensity across all our operations and clients' sites. Freshwater is the most essential natural resource to sustain life. Yet over a billion people in the world lack water for daily needs and severe water shortages are growing in the U.S. and around the world. We depend on an abundant and clean supply of water for a variety of our business func-

tions and water scarcity will impact pricing, supply and the health of our employees, customers and clients. Many of the actions we need to take to reduce our impact on water supplies will save Sodexo money and provide greater value to our clients."

"We will develop and promote health and wellness solutions for our employees, client and customers. Preventable chronic health conditions like heart disease and obesity are on the rise, impacting our quality of daily life. Sodexo and our clients are also impacted by the rising costs of healthcare and the loss of productivity. Sodexo's comprehensive service solutions create healthy environments and promote healthy lifestyles that increase employee productiv-

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MCEMS recognizes it's own

BY STEPHANIE ROWAN
NEWS WRITER

Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Services has awarded senior Meghan Wilson with the prestigious Life Member Award after three years of exemplary service to the organization. Wilson joined MCEMS in the Fall of 2007 after becoming a certified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic over the summer and became a Driver and Crew Chief in the Spring of 2009. Wilson has served on the MCEMS Executive Board for two years as a Supply Manager and for a semester as Second Lieutenant. Wilson led MCEMS in recertifying the organization and the vehicle as a recognized Quick Response Service, and has

been an overall role model and leader to newer members. MCEMS has chosen Wilson to receive Life Member status after reviewing her overall enthusiasm for emergency medicine, her time commitment to MCEMS and all she has given to the organization. For the past three years, Wilson has served as the "intoxicated patient" during MCEMS' Mock MCI on campus in November and has used her wonderful acting skills to help educate the entire campus on the risks of drinking and driving. Beyond MCEMS, Wilson spends much of

her free time as a writing assistant, tutor, hockey trainer, campus delegate, a member of the pep band, gospel choir, Alpha Phi Omega, and Omnicron Delta Kappa. The Life Member Award issued by MCEMS awards Wilson with a MCEMS silver badge, a certificate, as well as Wilson's Unit Number, 376, is officially retired for future members. At last Tuesday's Award



Meghan Wilson in an EMS vehicle.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE ROWAN

Ceremony, Wilson was also awarded "Most Likely to Diagnose Themselves," under our joke awards. Muhlenberg College EMS would like to thank Wilson for her commitment to the organization and wish her the best in all her future achievements.

During the event, other members were acknowledged including the Three Top Responders: Joshua Cohen, Christa Houck and Stephanie Rowan, Most Improved awarded to Elise Colasanti and Member of the Year awarded to Christa Houck. Other graduating members include Jennifer Leap, Barbara Schechter, Thomas Bertorelli, Bobby Tawil, Christine deBenedictis and Michele Sasso. All members of the campus are always reminded to stay safe and in to call Campus Safety at extension 3110 in the case of emergencies.

ORS Awards

BY DAVID SCHUTZBANK
NEWS WRITER

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of each academic year, the college's Office of Residential Services (ORS) holds an awards ceremony to give credit to some of their most worthy Residential Advisors. The entire Residential Advising and Residential Life staff members are invited and given the opportunity to vote.

While there are no preliminary nominations, a clear group of potential winners is eventually agreed upon. This tradition has been in place since the mid-80's. "RAs know other RAs the best," says Rebecca Stein '10, who has been an RA for the past three years. "I think it's great that we are given the opportunity to recognize the people we work with for doing an outstanding job each year."

Any Resident Advisor or Head Resident can be recognized for their respective awards regardless of year and length of experience. However, the awards have traditionally been awarded to individuals who are good at what they do and well known enough among the advising staff members to earn the necessary votes.

The votes are tallied by the professional staff of ORS. These members include Katie Shelley, West Side Resident Coordinator; Katie Mangold, East Side Resident Coordinator; Becky Grace, Assistant Head of Residential Services. These individuals do not have any direct input in the decision, but they know the candidates better than most and their opinion is highly respected.

They do, however, select the RA who will win an award at Honors Convocation. This year that honor was awarded to Steven Balliet '10.

The winners for each award have their names and titles engraved on a plaque that is displayed in the Residential Services office. ORS also selects an RA of the Month each month. RAs are given the opportunity to nominate their peers, and the HRS, along with Grace, Shelley and Mangold, determine who will be recognized as an RA of the Month.

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Year in Review

So here we are... the end of another year. We're sure we speak for the majority of the student body in saying that we have been so caught up in our papers and exams that we hardly noticed May creeping up on us. And yet, we find ourselves on the cusp of the infamous finals week, looking forward to what we hope to be an awesome summer.

In our excitement for the homework-free months ahead, however let us not forget about the many big events that helped to shape our year here on campus. First, and easily the most notable, was the ongoing Seegers construction, which has the non-seniors exited for what our student union will look like in the fall. We also remain curious about the future of our stomachs, which will once again be fed by Sodexo next year. There has been a lot of notable club activity, including the passing of the Just-Tap-It campaign and the start of the expansion of Hillel (no more sitting in other people's laps at Shabbat Dinner!), and many theatre and dance productions to attend including the highly attended (and criticized) world premiere of "An American Tragedy." Students flocked to see comedians Craig Robinson and Ben Bailey "The Cash Cab Guy," and a few managed to attend the Gym Class Heroes spring concert. To top it all off, many of us can finish off the year calling ourselves Swine Flu veterans.

Through it all, *The Weekly* has been here to bring you every construction update, every positive and negative theatre review, and every controversial Op/Ed article. We were also proud this year to bring you a newly formatted version of the paper; one that features a new front page layout, regular restaurant reviews, advice columns, and the popular "Napkin of the Week" section. As our newly-elected 2010-11 editorial board already begins planning for the fall semester, we would like to thank our student and faculty readers for their ongoing interest in our hard work.

Yes, we may live in a bubble, but there is always plenty to talk about within it and *The Weekly* will always be here to do some talking. Our staff will continue to bring you the latest news and events, perhaps with some new additions next year. But never fear; we'll always be sure to leave room for the campus safety notes.

A Jewish view of the Palestinian plight

By IAN LEVINE
Op/Ed Writer

My family consists of Jews from Egypt, and they lived in Egypt for hundreds of years. They were rich and prominent, but over the course of one night the Egyptian government decided that they were undesirables and gave them 24 hours to leave. They were allowed to take one suitcase with them, and had no destination. My mother's uncle was thrown into jail and his factory and all his were assets stripped from him. The rest of the family was put on a ship (old, young, sick, or healthy), even my aunt who had polio was forced onto a ship where there would be no medical care. They did not leave of their own accord; they left because they had no choice. Families were ripped apart - mine ended up in places varying from France to Texas.

This was the plight of over 1 million Jews after the establishment of the State of Israel. They were expelled from Arab countries simply because they were Jewish. The Arab citizens of Israel left voluntarily, even though they thought it was only temporarily - until their Arab brethren pushed the Jews "into the sea." In fact, this was in spite of the pleas of the Jews in Palestine for them to stay.

The Jews of Haifa pleaded with their Arab neighbors to stay, even after the Haifa oil refinery riots in which 39 Jews were massacred by an Arab mob. The Arabs left of their own accord, motivated by the radio broadcasts of the Arab states who were vowing to turn the Mediterranean red with the blood of Jews.

Today, the once vibrant community of 80,000 Jews in Egypt to which my family belonged is down to less than 100. The State of Israel was fledgling at the time, but they still managed to absorb all these refugees who had nothing. The Arab states fueled by oil money use it instead to spread propaganda, and fund terrorist organizations. There are still Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan who are afforded fewer rights than those who live in the West Bank. The Gaza Strip is the only autonomously governed Palestinian territory in the world. So, next time you hear about the plight of the Palestinians just think about what happened to the Jews in Arab countries, how my grandmother will never again see where her family lived, how my uncle worked so hard only to have it all taken away, how he sat in a cold dark cell for six months for no reason other than being a Jew. Think about the other side of the story which history has conveniently overlooked.

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choice.

Illegal immigration: key word illegal



VALERIE PATRIARCA
Op/Ed Columnist

Why is it that Americans tend to complain about everything, and then when something is actually done about it they simply cause more havoc in response? Is anyone ever going to be happy? It can be agreed that our current government is terrible. Democrat, Republican, etc. We all know that Obama is simply a glorified celebrity. But let's face it, all that he has proven while in office is that he is a push-over, and has an opinion that changes de-

pending on what is popular in the news. If he makes a mistake, or second-guesses himself, its okay, he will just apologize in his next speech. And we as Americans accept it.

For example, Obama promised or rather gave us HOPE that he would do something about the overwhelming amount of illegal immigrants that cross into our borders on a daily basis. They bring drugs, crime, and take our jobs. So what if the typical jobs they occupy are mediocre jobs. Up here in the Northeast a large majority of restaurants employ illegal immigrants to be line cooks; and, I can absolutely guarantee you (especially with the unemployment rate at what it is right now), that an American citizen would be more than happy to have that job. Yes, I am well aware that not every illegal immigrant is a druggie or a murderer, and not every illegal immigrant is currently thriving in the job market; however, the attempts to thwart the amount of illegal immigrants in the United States is not something that has aspirated from thin air. Drugs, human trafficking, and so on have been problems for a long time now.

It is quite easy for those of us who reside in the Northeast where illegal immigrants are more dispersed and do not cause an overwhelming problem. They work hard at jobs that make our way of

living much easier. I do not want an illegal immigrant to leave the country, I am simply asking them to become a citizen. If I were to move to France, I would not expect the French government to allow me to stay in their country for an extended period of time without becoming a citizen. If I am abroad in France and am not a citizen, I must carry around my passport at all times. There is nothing different from this than in the new law Arizona has passed.

Therefore, Arizona's Governor along with her legislators passed a strict law that makes it a crime under state law to be in the state illegally. Should it not be illegal anyway? The law merely allows officers to take someone into custody if they fail to present their documentation if they are stopped for something potentially illegal. In no way can a law be passed in the United States that takes away someone's civil rights. A police officer cannot merely go up to someone and ask to see documentation. They must first have done something wrong in order for this action to occur.

The issue (or rather the argument) is that illegal immigrants, friends and family of illegal immigrants, along with some

residents feel that they will be racially profiled and that the law legalizes racial profiling.

It is no surprise that friends and family of those in the state illegally are going to be upset because the illegal individual they know now has a stronger chance of being deported.

However, the point remains that illegal immigrants are here illegally! They do not pay taxes, they do not have a

worker's permit, they are not citizens, so yes, if they fail to obtain US citizenship they should be deported. They may be the nicest person in the world, but if they want to stay in the states, become a citizen.

I understand that there is a feeling that

they may be racially profiled, some have gone too far and have compared this with Nazi Germany.

But let me say this, after a US citizen is born, within a year they are assigned a social security number. Our government places a number on us and tracks us for the rest of our lives from the time we are born. Once we become of age, we obtain a license and must carry it around at all times. So why can't

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No more goofing around



Today's Issues

ADAM YU
OP/ED COLUMNIST

We had quite a scare over the weekend. News reports of a parked SUV packed with improvised explosives found in Times Square sent chills down our backs. A repeat of a 9/11 style attack is what we have and continue to fear most. We have been fortunate enough over the past nine years to have been attack-free, but this weekend's discovery shed light on the fact that we are not impenetrable.

The attacks on 9/11 and the dozens of known foiled terrorist attacks ought to serve as part of our continuing education on the subject matter of national security.

On Monday night, FBI agents and

NYPD officers arrested Faisal Shahzad at JFK Airport while he was preparing to board a flight headed to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Authorities were led to Shahzad when they searched the SUV used as an explosive delivery tool. They traced the vehicle back to a Connecticut man who revealed he sold the SUV to Shahzad three weeks ago. Law enforcement also used a disposable cell phone used by Shahzad to figure out he was the buyer of the SUV.

It is apparent that Shahzad was able to operate and plot within the United States quite easily. This is a sign that our intelligence gathering tools and law enforcement must be strengthened. The crazies are there and they want to take our lives. Our counter-terror activities need to be focused on preventing terrorists from setting foot on our soil and rooting out those terrorists already in the United States.

In order for an effective effort to crush the terrorist threat we need to lessen the red tape constraining our security providers. Yes, this includes the wiretapping program, allowing law enforcement to gather terror-related evidence with greater ease, and permitting legal interrogation techniques.

The goal of these initiatives is not to spy on Americans and create personal files on each of us, but to give us an advantage in fighting terrorism. If we can help our security officials to build cases in a speedy manner and go ahead with arrests, then we can surely guarantee the

saving of hundreds of Americans.

The idea of putting Shahzad before a military commission instead of a civilian court has been proposed by several lawmakers. This is most definitely the appropriate destination for a terror trial. Even though non-US citizens are the only suspects currently permitted to appear before a commission the inclusion of citizens accused of terrorism ought to be allowed.

Once a supposed American is involved in supporting or carrying out an act of terrorism against his/her fellow citizens that individual should lose citizenship status. Shahzad is no longer an American citizen, but a homicidal terrorist. A civilian court is no place for a terrorist. The charges against Shahzad and other terrorists are not simply criminal matters, but acts of war against the United States.

Hopefully we all remember the heated debate that arose in the fall of 2009 when the Obama administration floated the idea of holding the trials of the mastermind of 9/11 in New York City. Supporters of this idea explained the benefit of showing terrorists and the world of our humanity and goodwill. Supporters of the closing of the Guantanamo Bay detention center reiterate its closing would send a message of good intentions and example to the world. They say it will show terrorists we mean peace and will deter them from further acts of terrorism.

Of course acts to preserve the rights

of terrorists will be successful in encouraging them to drop their arms and give Uncle Sam a great big hug. I think not. Just look at this weekend's chaos.

How many examples will it take to convince our government and Americans of the seriousness of the threat posed by terrorism? Can there be any further convincing? The thousands of murdered American civilians and the numerous foiled attacks paint a clear picture for us.

This may sound cliché, but we have been pitted against an unconventional enemy. The most effective way to respond is by taking unfamiliar steps to fight the enemy.

Death and destruction were Shahzad's objectives. Luckily Shahzad failed. It is no mistake that the United States has not been hit by another attack since 9/11. Setting aside the controversy surrounding President Bush and the counter-terrorism policies under his administration, we must admit that the years of his presidency kept us safe.

Now is not the time for political grandstanding. We shouldn't automatically attach a negative image to wiretapping, Guantanamo, interrogation techniques, unilateral decision making, or preemptive action. This list of policies has been effective. They should stop being labeled as Bush policy.

We are putting too much at stake if we denounce these efforts simply because they are Bush or Republican policy. When considering such a critical issue we must try to be as unbiased as possible.



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A nuclear issue: Iranian feminism



View from the Left

ALEX BREIDING
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

The outrage! The calamity! The horror! The United Nations has officially appointed Iran to the Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission is a functional section of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Every year, representatives of come together at United Nations Headquarters in New York to evaluate "progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and advancement of women worldwide."

The Commission on the Status of Women differs from other commissions as one of the only commissions of the UN that do not limit participation solely to nations. Effectively, this means that feminist NGOs are also allowed to participate in sessions of the CSW.

This is extremely important for Iran, which has a deep pool of women's rights organizations. At last, these Iranian NGOs can work alongside their government, rather in opposition, within a

structure that respects the voices of each participant. In this favoring of open discourse, appointing Iran to the CSW will be beneficial to the status of women in Iran.

It cannot be denied that the institutions of patriarchy and misogyny run rampant in the Iranian government and those Iranian citizens with high social and economic capital. Women are forced to observe Islamic dress code; they are barred from becoming judges; beaches and sports are sex-segregated, with less funding put forth for women's sports; a women's testimony in court and ability to receive inheritance is literally half of a man's; abortion is limited to situations where a woman's life is at risk or a malformed fetus.

But to point one's finger at Iran as the quintessence of sexism fails to recognize the social injustices upheld in our Western state. In the United States, women make \$0.77 to every man's \$1.00; women are heavily underrepresented in the government; women's sports are given less funding, attention, and validity; women disproportionately make up those below the poverty line; abortion is limited in many states and is still difficult to access in nearly all the rest.

Just as feminists have progressed towards equality in a stepwise fashion in the United States since the nation's founding, Persian or Iranian feminists have fought patriarchy head-on and achieved relative success. The Iranian women's movement emerged after the Iranian Constitutional Revolution of 1910, the same year the first Women's Journal was published by women. Women won the right to vote in 1963 out of Reza Shah's White Revolution, soon followed by their ability to stand for public office. Additionally, the Family Protection Law of 1975 expanded divorce and custody rights while at the same time quelling polygamy.

The achievements of feminist friends were squelched and nearly reversed by the Islamic Revolution of 1979, which overthrew the Iranian monarch only to be replaced by a fundamentalist Ayatollah. But where there is a rise in oppression, there is a rise in activism, including that of feminism.

In the past three decades, feminism has put women's health, education, and poverty as the forefront of the modern movement. The achievements in education, especially, have shown the women's movement's strength. For instance, as of late 2006, nearly 70% of Iran's science and engineering students are women. Furthermore, according to UNESCO world survey, Iran has the highest female to male ratio at primary

level of enrollment in the world among sovereign nations, with a girl to boy ratio of 1.22 to 1, respectively.

Although women make up only 27% of the Iranian labor force, the percentage of all Iranian women who are economically active has more than doubled from 6.1%

in 1986 to 13.7% in 2000 and again by 2010. Through the successes of Iranian feminists, such as Shirin Ebadi and Mehrangiz Kar, who expose the gender inequalities plaguing their Iranian culture through feminist magazines and lecturing at Iranian universities, the women's rights movement in Iran has proven to be just as big, if not bigger than its American equivalent.

Rather than admonishing the UN's decision to admit Iran onto the Commission for the Status of Women we should be in full support. The CSW acts as an open and public space for constructive dialogue between not only a list of devel-

oped nations but also between feminist organizations and nations that would not exist otherwise.

Unfortunately, the mass media has taken this headline and spun it into a maelstrom reflecting yet another Western-centric smash on Iran and the all-hated President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The major problem with this shallow evaluation of Iran's appointment to the CSW is its overt disregard for the unique structure that provides room for the often-times repressed Iranian feminist voice.

By keeping Iran or any other "sexist" nation out of the discussion on how to procure equality, we are only hurting ourselves and preventing the global dismantling of patriarchy. The idea of

keeping the commission and discussion controlled by Western also upholds the institutionalized residual problems of colonialism.

Postcolonial feminism, a school of thought subscribed to by some of the most prominent Iranian feminists, often criti-

cizes the West in the way that it universalizes women's issues and misconstrues the representation women and women's issues globally.

Feminism is not an American idea, nor was it born out of the West. It is time for transnational agencies such as the United Nations to recognize and value the achievements of women all over the world and to discontinue viewing equality through a Western paradigm.

It is time to support the expansion of the Commission for the Status of Women to include "sexist" nations like Iran in hopes of tackling patriarchy on a global scale.

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immigrants carry around their legal papers?

Prior to Arizona's law, being in the United States illegally was only a federal crime. If a cop pulled someone over for a routine traffic stop and the driver failed to produce any documentation of citizenship, the cop would not be allowed to detain the driver for more than 6 hours because it was only federal law. Now the cop can detain the individual, without the action of the federal government, until that individual can prove that he or she is in fact a legal citizen. If

he or she is not, and is in the country illegally then he or she can be deported.

As United States citizens we are not only forced to file a tax return (employed or not), have a social security number, have to carry around a license when of age, made by law to fill out the census, but now in addition we must have health care.

Yes, the United States should open their arms to immigrants, but legal immigrants. If you are in this country illegally, and you are not attempting to gain citizenship, then you need to understand that you will be deported.



Have a great, sunny, boat-filled summer!!!

From the Op/Ed team,
Ben and Melissa

Mother's diagnosis turns student into activist

BY STEVEN MINTZ
NEWS WRITER

May 2nd, David Porrino '11 rounded up 17 of his fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brothers bright and early to take the 3-mile walk around Iron Pigs stadium as part of the local Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Walk. Porrino's desire to raise awareness for this incurable disease stems from his mother, Andrea Porrino's, diagnosis back in the summer of 1991. "I was only two years old," he said, but his family did not wait long to take activist roles towards finding a cure. David's father, Peter Porrino, sat as the Chairmen of the Western Connecticut chapter of the MS Society; a role, David claims, "inspired me to become the activist I am today." His father's position along with his mother's execution of an annual MS fashion show in Connecticut motivated David to gather his fraternity brothers for help. "When I first joined the fraternity, I knew I was getting involved in a group of guys who cared about each other," Porrino explained.

The entire fraternity worked during the days leading up to the event to raise funds for their fraternity brother's cause. "I feel a great deal of support from my brothers, I couldn't have done any of this fundraising without the help they provided," David passionately expressed. The fraternity designed a raffle called "Sig Ep Struts to Cure MS" where donors filled out raffle tickets identifying the pictures of anonymous brothers' legs. The correct tickets joined a box where the fraternity drew winners of prizes donated from local restaurants. The 17 Sigma Phi Epsilon walkers registered for the event Sunday morning with over \$380 in hand. However, the efforts on Muhlenberg's campus to cure MS did not only include David's fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Phi Sigma Sigma, led by Elizabeth Rattner '10, collected \$130 dollars and attended the MS walk with eight sisters. "It was great to see we were not the only ones from Muhlenberg supporting this great cause," David Schutzbank '12, a participant of the event discussed, "Hopefully next year we can have representation from every Greek organization on campus." The 25 Muhlenberg Greeks walked a combined 75 miles along side hundreds of fellow community participants. When asked how he felt to see such a large gathering of his fraternity at the event, Porrino mentioned, "This isn't just a great cause to be a part of, but we as a fraternity get to experience something so meaningful together. It without a doubt builds stronger bonds within our brotherhood."

This is the second consecutive year both Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Sigma Sigma have attended the community walk. While discussing his parents, Porrino said, "my parents are especially proud and grateful to meet so many of my brothers who care about their cause." Porrino plans to organize members of his fraternity to attend the event next year as well. His goals include encouraging more involvement in the Greek community and the larger Muhlenberg community.



Porrino '11 and his supporting Greek members at the event.

PHOTO BY STEVEN MINTZ



Porrino '11 fills out an information card at the event.

PHOTO BY STEVEN MINTZ

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Delta Tau Delta's BASEketball Fundraiser will be postponed until next semester. We apologize that we could not go through with our planned tournament this spring, but we assure you there will be plenty of fun to be had next time around!




If you have paid and want your money back, please seek out Matt Monformoso at 201-704-2465 or Ray Fritz at 610-442-7537. If you'd rather have us hold your money until next semester we will remember your names for next time. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your support!

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year, the Head Resident award went to Nathan Renner-Johnson '10 (Benfer, Robertson and South Halls). The Resident Advisor of the Year went to Ariel Messeca '12 (Waltz Hall). The Hall Programmer of the Year award was given to Adam Hutz '10 (Resident Liaison of Leh St).

"End of the Year Awards for Resident Advisor, Head Resident, and Resident Advisor of the Month Awards are a great way to recognize the hard work put in by RAs," says Kelly Frazee '11. "This really is a tough job and it's nice to have a way of showing respect for the work done for all of our residents that sometimes might go underappreciated."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Thunderstorms	Partly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 56	High: 65 Low: 41	High: 57 Low: 43

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 26 – Terroristic Threats – On campus, there was a report of terroristic threats involving a student and a non-student. A letter of trespass will be sent.

Apr. 26 – Sick Student – In Brown Hall, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 27 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to contractors working in the building. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 27 – Found Property – On Albright St., there was a report of a found set of keys. The item was placed in the lost and found lockers. The owner of the item is unknown.

Apr. 27 – Institutional Vandalism – In the Buildings and Grounds garage, there was a report of vandalism. Eggs were thrown at the building and the rain gauge was smashed. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 27 – Injured Student – In the Trexler Pavilion, lower level, there was a report of an injured student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 28 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – In the faculty/staff parking lot, there was a report of an unregistered vehicle illegally parked with an excessive amount of unpaid tickets. The vehicle was booted. A Campus Safety officer later removed the boot after payment arrangements were made with the Controllers Office.

Apr. 28 – Vehicle Violation (Illegally Parked) – In the commuter

parking lot, there was a report of an unregistered vehicle illegally parked with an excessive amount of unpaid tickets. The vehicle was booted. A Campus Safety officer later removed the boot after payment arrangements were made with the Controllers Office.

Apr. 28 – Sick Student – In Taylor Hall, basement, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and responded along with Allentown EMS. The student was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 28 – Sick Student – In the Trexler Pavilion, lobby, there was a report of a sick student. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was advised to see the Health Center in the morning.

Apr. 29 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – On campus, there was a report of several (15+) signs posted all over campus for a Bamboo Asian Cuisine restaurant. The signs were removed by Plant Operations and were discarded. There was no further incident.

Apr. 29 – Institutional Vandalism – At 2142 Chew St., there was a report of vandalism to the rear door of the house. It appears as though someone tried to gain access. There are no suspects at this time. Plant Operations were notified to repair the door molding.

Apr. 29 – Harassment – In Walz Hall, fourth floor, there was a report of verbal harassment between students. Letters of no contact will be issued to all parties involved. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 29 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Life Sports Center, basketball-court, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Upon arrival it was noted that

contractors were working in the area, which possibly set off the alarm. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

Apr. 29 – Larceny/Theft – In the New Science Building, second floor, there was a report of a theft of an iPod from the computer room. There are no suspects at this time. The investigation will continue.

Apr. 29 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of a found ID and clutch purse. Several attempts to notify the owner were made. The items were placed in the lost and found locker.

Apr. 29 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – In Prosser Hall, first floor, there was a report of possession of drug paraphernalia. The items were placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 30 – Disruptive Conduct – On N. 22nd St., there was a report of a noise complaint. Allentown Police responded. A Disruptive Conduct Report will be issued by both the City of Allentown and Muhlenberg College. Allentown Police arrested a student for excessive noise violation. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 30 – Larceny/Theft – On the back drive, there was a report of a theft of a bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 30 – Institutional Vandalism – In Seegers Union, lower level, there was a report of vandalism. A carving of an obscene image was on the wall. Plant Operations were notified to remove it. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 30 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost set of keys. The keys were later found. There was no fur-

ther incident.

Apr. 30 – Beer Games/Trophies/Kegs/Paraphernalia – At 439 N. 23rd St., there was a report of an alcohol violation. A keg was found on premise. The item was brought to Campus Safety and placed in the evidence locker. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 30 – Motor Vehicle Accident – On Chew St., there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Allentown Police responded to the scene. The parties exchanged information.

Apr. 30 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In the Trexler Pavilion, lower level, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to a fog machine. Campus Safety put on bypasses for the duration of the event. There was no further incident.

Apr. 30 – Harassment by Communication – On campus, there was a report of harassment by communication between students. Referred to the Dean of Students.

Apr. 30 – Motor Vehicle Accident – In the Village upper parking lot, there was a report of a motor vehicle accident. Allentown Police responded and they deemed a report not necessary as the accident involved only the reporting party's vehicle. There was no further incident.

May 1 – Social Code Violation – In the East Hall quad area, there was a report of fireworks set off in the area. The student was identified and spoken to, as fireworks are not permitted in Allentown. Referred to the Dean of Students.

May 1 – Lost Property – On campus, there was a report of a lost cell phone.

May 1 – Trashing/Excessive Clean Up – At 417 Leh St.,

there was a report of excessive trash in the yard. The students cleaned up the area. Referred to the Dean of Students.

May 1 – Found Property – In Prosser Hall, there was a report of a found set of keys. The item was placed in the lost and found locker. The owner of the item is unknown.

May 1 – Fire Alarm Sounding – On Liberty St., there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to cooking. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

May 1 – Larceny/Theft – On campus, there was a report of a stolen bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

May 2 – Underage Purchase, Possession, Consumption, and Transport – In Walz Hall, first floor, there was a report of a sick student. Alcohol was involved. The Health Center was notified and Muhlenberg College EMS responded. The student was transported to the hospital. Referred to the Dean of Students.

May 2 – Institutional Vandalism – In Parent's Plaza, there was a report of vandalism to flowers. Plant Operations replanted the flowers. There was no further incident and there are no suspects at this time.

May 2 – Found Property – In the Prosser North Quad, there was a report of a found jacket. The owner is unknown. The item was placed in the lost and found locker.

May 2 – Fire Alarm Sounding – In Trexler Pavilion, there was a report of a fire alarm sounding due to the use of a fog machine even though the detectors were on bypass. Simplex was notified. The system was silenced and reset with no further incident.

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History Club goes below ground

By ANGELA LUCCI
NEWS WRITER

On April 17, 2010, the History Club made a visit to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour and the Anthracite Heritage Museum to gain a better understanding and first hand knowledge of some Pennsylvania history. Anthracite coal and coal mining has played a major role in the history of the state of Pennsylvania.

The brave members of History Club ventured 300 feet beneath the earth and toured the once functional Lackawanna Coal Mine. The mine opened in 1860 and was fully operational until 1966. The tour of the Mine provided a first-hand experience of the every day work conditions of coal miners. The History Club members were guided on an hour-long tour through the main gangway of the mine and stopped at various points to discuss different aspects of the anthracite mining industry. The History Club members learned about the roles of the door boys or nippers, mule boys, the fire boss, and mules in the mining of the anthracite coal. At the end of the tour, the History Club members received certificates that named them official unofficial miners. After the Coal Mine Tour, the group went to the Anthracite Heritage Museum, where they met with the Museum's director and one of its two curators. The Museum included an exhibit on the life-style led by coal miners in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania. The History club had the opportunity to tour the exhib-

its on display in the museum and got a special behind the scenes tour of the Museum's archives and learned from the curator and the director about how exhibits are created and maintained.

This special tour allowed the members of the History Club insight to some careers associated with historical preservation. Also while at the Museum, the members of the History Club met with Mr. Robert Lucci, father of Angela Lucci '10, who spoke about the history of the anthracite coal oven used by his father and grandfather in their family-owned bakery that is on display in the Museum. "Throughout the semester other members of the club have brought in historical artifacts that they have to our meetings for the club to see. I could never bring mine to campus. So, it was wonderful to bring the History Club to see an important part of my family history and the cultural history of Pennsylvania," says Lucci.

The group ended their trip with a home-cooked dinner at the Lucci home. Overall, the History Club very much enjoyed their trip, despite the rain they traveled in. Christine Boyko '12, History Club Vice President, said of the trip "The museum was a fun, educational experience which was an once in a lifetime tour of what a museum is like behind the scenes. The coal mine was a thrilling time involving personal accounts of what a coal miner's life is like." The History Club is looking forward to more field trips next semester.



Four history club members who attended the trip.

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One of the ceilings in the mine.

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Greek Weekend in pictures!



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ity and provide a more pleasant experience for our customers."

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We have the opportunity to help all our customers learn to make healthy choices throughout their lifetime. By serving and promoting a selection of healthy meals we not only provide greater value for our clients and customers, we contribute to the vitality of the communities where we live and work."

"We will increase the purchase of products sourced from fairly and responsibly certified sources. At least one in four people in the world are poor and work in

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"We will reduce non organic waste generated at our sites and in our operations. When we throw items away,

we are throwing away something of value. Throwing away materials wastes the product as well as the energy, labor and materials required to produce it, take up space in landfills and threaten human health and the environment through polluting air, water and soils. Reducing waste not only reduces our short-term costs, it also helps establish Sodexo as a leader in environmental sustainability and in the provision of value to our clients."

"We will ensure compliance with a Global Sustainable Supply Chain Code of Conduct. Sodexo Inc. employs over 110,000 people in NORAM, but millions more work for the companies in our supply chain and for their suppliers. As our supply chain becomes more global, we are challenged to ensure that all the goods and products we sell are produced according to widely accepted social, environmental and ethical standards."

By ensuring compliance with our code of conduct, we can use our size and power to improve working conditions for millions around the world, protect the environment and ensure that ethical standards are followed."

"We will support local community development. Healthy local communities are at the heart of society. Healthy communities are also good places for business. Sodexo contributes to local community development by providing services and employment opportunities, encouraging a diverse workplace and supply chain and offering capacity building opportunities. As we grow and fulfil our plans for Ambition 2015, we will improve the economic benefit we give to the communities we serve."

"We will fight hunger and malnutrition by engaging the entire Sodexo community including employees, customers, clients and suppliers. At the end of every day, millions of men, women, and children go to bed hungry. All who suffer from hunger lack the nutrition needed for a full and productive life."

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WEEKLY

Life!

"May you live every day of your life."

- Jonathan Swift

Blood Wedding an integration of guitar music, flamenco, and theatre

BY KELSEY HUTCHINSON
LIFE WRITER

A mysterious
tale of forbidden
love involving

passion, deceit, violence, honor, and a family feud, "*Blood Wedding*" overflows with vivid imagery, symbolism, and poetic verse, explained Josh Tewell '11, a member of the show's cast, which ran Apr 29 through May 2 in the Studio Theatre.

"In fact," said director Francine Roussel, a member of the College's theatre faculty, "'*Blood Wedding*' somewhat resembles a Greek tragedy, as it opens the debate about the nature of love and revenge."

"*Blood Wedding*" was written by poet, dramatist, director and Spanish playwright Federico García Lorca, who was born in Spain in 1898 and is believed to have been murdered by the Nationalists during the Spanish Civil War in 1936.

The bride in "*Blood Wedding*" is engaged to be married yet has been having a secret affair with her childhood lover, Leonardo, with whom the groom's family is in a long-standing blood feud. Cultural stereotypes and the theme of women's role in society bubble up to the surface as the bride struggles under the pressures of preserving her family's honor, yet also harbors feelings of passion regarding her lover, Leonardo, explained Tewell.

The tension climbs with the wedding quickly approaching. Then, during the wedding reception, the lovers take flight, and we are plummeted into the mystical world of the third act, where we meet the embodiments of the Moon and Death.

The Moon lights the path as the lovers, the groom, and the fraught wedding party take to the forest. With the final act concluding in blood, the ultimate question emerges: what is the meaning of life when there is nothing left to live for?

Although the play has been translated and was performed in English, in order to remain true to the poetry of Lorca's original Spanish dialogue, some lines are first spoken in English and then repeated in Spanish. Tewell explained that the actors even had a workshop where they refined their English accents to parallel those of Spanish speakers.

In directing the play, Roussel integrated live guitar music and flamenco dance into a script that previously included neither. So she brought in guest artists to fill this apparent void. To supply the music, flamenco guitarist Ben Abrahamson composed a score to add a Spanish flair and heart to the play.

Renowned flamenco dancer La Conja choreographed the numerous flamenco dances present throughout the production, and has spent



Laura Betz '12 and Anna Gothard '11 as Leonardo's wife and mother-in-law, respectively.

PHOTO BY KEN EK

the whole semester here at the College working with students and cast members alike. To further amplify the flamenco element, Roussel created the character of El Duende, a Gypsy, played by La Conja herself. The character of El Duende dances her way through the whole play.

"Flamenco is a dialogue between life and death, and you can see and hear that in the rhythm of the music and dance," explained Roussel. "The dance, for me, became a necessity, and the music too."

"My goal is to make the music and dance part of the fabric of the text," said Roussel. "Music and dance become another voice that is just as important as text." The challenge was to weave these aspects of music and dance into the drama to create

a total theatre experience where the audience would be totally immersed in the

performing arts.

As the play is full of folklore and cultural traditions, the costume staff made sure that the costumes rang true to the period. An example of the intricate costumes is the costume of the character Moon, who actually faced the challenge of balancing on stilts throughout the entire third act.

Tewell explained that "*Blood Wedding*" is a beautiful, yet tragic play overflowing with poetic verse, symbolism, and Spanish influences that immersed the audience in forbidden love, struggle, and the culture of revenge.

A special panel discussion titled "*Blood Wedding: Passion, Tradition and Challenge*" was held opening night, Thurs, Apr 29. The free event featured faculty members Erika M. Sutherland and Eduardo Olid Guerrero of the Spanish department and Jim Bloom of the English department.



Stephen Bauder '13, Joshua Tewell '11, and Zachary Shery '13 as the Woodcutters along with guitarist Ben Abrahamson.

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Natalie Cutcher '10 as The Bride and Chris Amirault '11 as Leonardo.

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Return to Ozzy's Sports Center

By NOAH FRIED
LIFE WRITER

Back in September, you may remember reading (or quite blatantly ignoring) a certain article about Ozzy's Fun and Sports Center—a funny little piece

with which I began my career as junior correspondent of the *Weekly*. The article is a recount of my own experience there, and it resolved itself with an innocent and hopeful message to the reader. But looking back on this article, I recognize that I have changed. Life at the College has completely transformed my situation, wonderfully altered the way I view myself and the world around me. As such, on May 1, I ventured to Ozzy's one last time before school is out and took stock of my new impressions and attitude—and, oddly enough, came to the same conclusion I had started with.

If you've never been there (or you failed to read my previous article you filthy...) Ozzy's Family Fun and Sports Center is a gaming arena containing a multitude of attractions including a skating rink, arcade, external go-kart track and mini-golf course, laser tag game, ropes course and adjoining rock wall, indoor soccer and volleyball courts, and a pretty large McDonalds-esque play area called "The Challenge." It is a spot that truly accommodates all ages and has the effect of making you feel like a kid again.

During my first adventure at Ozzy's, I was merely a shy, budding journalist, intent on articulating the mood of the entire student body and resolving my own concerns about looming adulthood. But this time around, I felt significantly more confident. Those friends that had taken part in those brief excursions at Ozzy's with me so many months ago I now associate with a tightly interconnected community. In fact, they have become some of my best friends. Enough of this reverie! Let me introduce my new story with the same ending.

My night began at the go-kart track, a spot that was far too crowded to enjoy the last time the College sponsored the trip to Ozzy's. After a small wait, my group absorbed all of the karts and we proceeded to race into the night. Of course, bumping and reckless driving was prohibited, so we attempted to best each other as safely as we could. "How are you liking the go-karts?" I asked my friend Dan Miller '13, as I easily moved within five inches of his vehicle. "AAGHH!" he yelled, surprised at my sudden closeness. After verbally assaulting me, he replied coolly, "This is actually very fun."

After the go-karts, my posse split up into smaller groups and I soon found myself confronting the ropes course: a high network of ropes that appeared to extend a thousand stories. Normally, I'd never attempt such a thing; but my impetuous girlfriend had already strapped herself into a harness and was climbing the stairs and I realized that, if there was danger up there, it would be up to me to save her. Courageously, I followed her along shifty wooden planks and thin tight ropes supported only by my

skill, agility, and a safety rope that can hold up to six thousand pounds. I nearly died twice, and the maze didn't release me without dealing a battle scar (I scraped a nail on my pinky finger) but, luckily, the staff had band-aids up at the front.

Once I had recovered, we made our way to Lasertron, the aforementioned laser tag arena. We were briefed by the nice space-man and split up into two teams. I valiantly grabbed my gear and rifle, and proceeded to the battlefield. The game was simple, shoot as many green players (on their back, front, and shoulders) as you can without them shooting you. As soon as the booming voice from above announced the start of the game, my team scattered in pursuit of the green ones. Moments later, I found myself in a firefight with several of these green meanies. But my shooting and stance was awkward—my gun wouldn't move as I knew it could. And then it hit me with crushing certitude: the suit was on backwards. There was nothing else for it; I ran away screaming.

Readjusted and "reenergized!", I entered the fray once again, only to find my roommate, Sean Vanin '13, backed into a corner. "Noah!... Help M—" I heard over the sound of laser beams. "Sean!" I yelled as I immediately opened fire on the carnivorous mass of green goblins. "Get away from him!" I snarled as they all went down, one by one. I quickly pushed past the bodies and gave him a leg up. "Crazy night we're having, huh?" he asked, barely able to hide the pain in his voice. "One of the best," I replied, wiping the sweat from my face and the tears from my eyes. He stood up straight; a fire in his eyes the likes of which I've never seen before. "Let's go finish them once and for all!" he bellowed to the world.

Together, Sean and I raced to the high platform picking off green grunts as we went. The arena is structured as such that a player can climb to the top and shoot at oblivious enemies below. That's where we would make our stand. Once we, gained the empty platform, we proceeded to take out green player after green player when suddenly our base was stormed. They were too many, and while Sean battled valiantly, he had sustained too much damage from the last fight. We quickly lost all our lives and ammo and just when I thought it was all over, the firing lasers stopped. A dark silhouette separated itself from the group, and it took only a moment to register his cruel, smiling face. It was my good pal, Ben.

I once said in September that a college student does not need to sacrifice childish pleasures to become a strong adult—and I remain convinced that this is the truth. Let us continue to take classes that blow our minds, develop stronger, more significant relationships with other people, and grow hair in new and exciting places. Let us continue to explore the mysteries of adulthood without forgetting the joys of our past. For these are the memories we can impart on our children.

Write for Life!

Do you go to events?

Do you want to write about them?

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Dear Panda Girl: the College's advice column

BY PANDA GIRL
LIFE WRITER

Dear Panda Girl-

Got any advice for surviving finals week? My schedule freaking blows; I have my two hardest finals on the same day - one after another - then the next day another one. Then I have to sit on my butt until my last, super easy final Friday at noon. My life sucks.

-Freaked about Finals

Dear Freaked,

Your life does not suck; you're just having a bit of bad luck. At any rate, it won't be impossible, and it'll be over before you know it. You have plenty of time to prepare as long as you budget accordingly. Friday, there are no classes, so unless you have a performance day final, that day is completely free for you to work, study, or even take the day to just relax before jumping into the pit. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Three whole days where you can plan out time for study and time for fun. Cramming is not the best option. Your brain can't take in massive amounts of information in one sitting and remember all of it days later. Cramming forces the brain to selectively choose information to place into the memory, which means that most of the information is deleted. Break it apart: Study one subject for an hour, then take ten to grab a drink, take a bathroom break, or just stand up and stretch. Next study a different subject. Staggering your subjects and taking small breaks in between gives the information time to really sink into your long-term memory.

Try to read the notes aloud, re-write or re-word them to better understand them, and draw pictures to describe the information. All of these things are ways in which your brain takes the information and processes it into a different form: this helps the information be more accessible and understandable. Mix work and play: grab some buddies and a pizza, and study together. When you can't take it anymore, pop in a movie and enjoy. On the big day of two finals, focus on one at a time. Review your notes/flashcards etc. for your first exam

in the morning as you eat breakfast (yes, eat, it helps wake your brain up). Once that exam is over, don't worry about it. Do not mull over question 15 or if your essay was eloquent enough- it's time to focus on the next task at hand. Review your next notes to get your brain out of "chem mode" and into "literature mode" or what have you. Tackle them one at a time, and do not over work yourself. I wish you oodles of luck!

-The Panda Girl

Advice of the week:

Dear Muhlenberg,

I've gotten some questions about why I started this article. Why I feel I am 'important enough' to advertise myself as a 'panda-themed-guru.' Well, I'll tell you: Helping people is my way of reaching out to my community. I've gone through my share of hardships and have learned a great deal on my path of coping with them, and I truly want to help others do the same. I find strength when sharing my strength with others, or when they do so with me. Sure, I'm a little silly with my love of pandas and perky demeanor, but the source of my advice comes from my heart. I love Muhlenberg. I love college. I love life! I want everyone to feel the same-it is quite depressing when the troubles of college life get in the way of enjoying what many call the best years of our lives. I've had a lot of fun reading your letters and helping you all out. Having you reach out for some peer advice helps me feel like the Muhlenberg community is more connected. Berg is known for its friendly atmosphere and welcoming community, and I'm touched to have been able to experience it firsthand. I hope you've enjoyed the ride as well. I'll be abroad next semester, but I would love to return to the *Weekly* in the spring. That is, if you're not tired of all this Panda-monium!

Have a great summer!

With all my Best,
The Panda Girl

This weekend on campus

Thurs. May 6

1) Dynamics final concert from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm in Baker theatre

2) 2010 Senior Art Exhibition and Rachel Fiori: Sun-bleached and Sea-soaked from noon-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

3) Acafellas final concert from 9:00 pm-10:00 pm in Miller Forum

4) Last Mangle from 10:45 pm-1:00 am

Fri. May 7

1) Challah for Hunger from 11:00 am-2:00 pm in Seegers Lobby

2) Jefferson Field Day all day at the Life Sports Center

3) 2010 Senior Art Exhibition noon-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

4) Multicultural Center's End of Year celebration from 2:00 pm-9:00 pm in the Multicultural Center

Sat. May 8

1) 2010 Senior Art Exhibition noon-8:00 pm in the Martin Art Gallery

Sun. May 9

1) Service from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm in Egner Memorial Chapel

Students de-stress at National Stress Out Day...East Fest Style!

BY KELLY FRAZEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last Friday, the College Community was privy to a day of fun, relaxation, and de-stressing. Hosted on a sunny afternoon, National Stress-Out Day East Fest Style saw over five-hundred students and staff engulf the East Quad. Co-Sponsored by Active Minds at Muhlenberg, The Office of Residential Services, and the Student Activities Office, the event saw groups from all sides of campus come together for a day of entertainment and enjoyment.

Guided by campus entertainers including the Dynamics, Four Dollar Fedora, and the Great Phil LaPorta

(Muhlenberg's Professor of Magic), students could lounge out on the lawn, enjoying a hot dog and the sun, or climb a rock wall with a refreshing lemonade waiting at the bottom. Cotton candy, sno cones, henna art, and heart-warming dogs complimented the day's happenings, giving students a change in the everyday routine at Muhlenberg.

"There was an incredible turnout, and there should be an annual event that spreads awareness and helps the student body with their continued stresses" said David Shutzpank '10. Echoing Active Minds at Muhlenberg's continued efforts to provide campus with an environment of comfort and consideration, National

Stress-Out Day East Style was an illustration of just that.

Thanks to the combined efforts of The Office of Residential Services, the Student Activities Office, and Active Minds at Muhlenberg, National Stress-Out Day East Fest Style produced an atmosphere that offered a break from the stresses of every day campus life. Jordan Sones echoed this sentiment, stating that "It was a great event that gave opportunity to enjoy some downtime and have fun before the stress of finals sets in".

Join Active Minds at Muhlenberg this Thursday in Parents Plaza from 11-3 for their new program "Cupcakes and Compliments".

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Weekend Listings



The Back-Up Plan

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:10

Furry Vengeance

Fri. 4:50, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:50, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 4:50, 7:00

A Nightmare on Elm Street

Fri. 4:40, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 4:40, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 8:00

Iron Man 2

Fri. 6:10, 7:20, 9:15
Sat. 6:10, 7:20, 9:15
Sun. 6:00, 7:20, 8:45

How to Train Your Dragon

Fri. 4:10, 6:45, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 6:45, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 6:45

Date Night

Fri. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:40, 5:00, 7:50

15 Below 15th: below expectations?



A Taste of Allentown

BY ALEX WELLS
LIFE COLUMNIST

Last Wednesday, April 28th, the Allentown Brew Works hosted a free food sampling buffet for the people of Allentown and Muhlenberg students. The buffet provided food from "the top 15 restaurants below 15th street," including popular favorites such as Aladdin, Damascus, Kow Thai, Las

Palmas, and many others.

As a lover of food and free things,

I was very enthusiastic about 15 Below 15th!

It would be a great opportunity

to get off campus, have a delicious meal with friends, and not pay for a

single thing. I wasn't alone in my excitement, because when my friends and I arrived at the bus stop outside of the Center for Arts, there were lots of other students already waiting in line with the same enthusiasm as me. After some grappling for seats on the bus, we all got there safely, and waited a bit in line to enter the Brew Works. Unfortunately, the rest of the experience didn't turn out exactly as we had hoped.

We could smell the food from around the corner as we approached the entrance to

the room where the buffet was taking place. We were all starving, but to our dismay, we realized that, despite how hungry we were, it didn't look like we would be getting food any time soon. The room was packed with people, most of them Muhlenberg students, with a sprinkling of Allentown locals. It was a struggle to get in the door, and then once we got inside, we had to figure out how in the world we were going to get food. There seemed to be some kind of system going with a line wrapping around the whole room, but after a while, everyone began to pick up on the strategy that the people with food were employing: every man/woman for his/herself.

The system of movement of people in the room, or lack thereof, was extremely chaotic, and quite claustrophobic...

There were a number of stations that ran out of food.

My favorite restaurants that were represented were the ones with the Middle Eastern cuisine, such as Aladdin and Damascus. Both of those tables has a lot of food to offer, and everything tasted great! I loved that I could fill my plate with the food they had, and the food definitely made me want to go to their restaurant. I also really liked Las Palmas, their Spanish Rice tasted really good and they put a lot on your plate. The first food I was able to get at was a Vegetarian Spring Roll from the restaurant Kow Thai, and I liked the food from there, it was a lovely vegetarian option and I would have gone back to eat more of them if I was able to get at that table.

I think the real problem with 15 Below 15th has nothing to do with the idea of the event; the food was great, the transportation was free, and the food was free. Everything was exactly as it was advertised. The only letdown was the process of the event. The system of movement of people in the room, or lack thereof, was extremely chaotic, and quite claustrophobic. I think some of the restaurants underestimated the amount of people that would show up, because there were a number of stations that ran out of food. I think if the event was in another venue with a better system, and maybe if there was a bit more food, the event would have been more of a success.

Question of the Week:

What is the most exciting thing you plan to do over the summer?



"Working as an intern in a theater in Vermont. I will help direct children's shows and work in the box office."

- Dahlia Mayerson '12



"Interning for my mom's business. She owns a party planning business."

- Emily Stockton '12



"I hope to see some bands, go some places, and learn some stuff."

- Rachael Saland '13



"Sleeping."

- Ashley Baratta '12



"Going to Lollapalooza."

- Renee Dessimone '12

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WEIGHT LOSS: DIET VS. EXERCISE

The two major players in the weight-loss battle are diet and exercise. But can the battle be won using only one of these tools? Many people opt for the easier route, which they believe is dieting. But when you consider how poor the statistics are for long-term weight loss through diets, you need to consider a combination of both. Normally, only about 5% of dieters are successful in keeping weight off, and weight cycling is very common. Usually one-third of weight lost is regained within one year and almost all is regained within three to five years.

How Weight Loss Works

The mechanism of weight loss is simple. It is encompassed in a concept called energy balance. When you burn more calories than you consume, you lose weight. Therefore, to lose weight you need to burn more calories and/or consume fewer calories. The combination of both of these methods is the best way to lose weight and improve your health.

How the Pros Do It

Members of the National Weight Control Registry are people who have lost weight and kept it off successfully for a minimum of one year. Of these people, 89% use a combination of diet and exercise, although 10% have had success using diet alone and 1% used exercise alone. However, research shows that the combination of exercise and diet is more effective than diet alone. Furthermore, while diet alone helps you lose weight, it is exercise that improves your physical fitness.

Getting Started

Combining diet and exercise can be tricky when you're trying to cut calories. It is impor-

tant to make sure that you eat enough so that you have energy to get through your workout, but not so much that you tilt your energy balance back to the weight-gain side.

While guidelines suggest 1 to 2 pounds of weight loss a week, you should set a goal that is both realistic and manageable for your lifestyle and fitness level. Overly aggressive goals often lead to attrition and failure.

Your diet should consist of low-fat food choices and a modest reduction in the total number of calories. Without overwhelming yourself with odd foods and food labels, try simply reduce your food portions by about 10 to 15%. Try to be consistent across the week, instead of dieting more strictly on certain days of the week.

With exercise and activity, people who successfully maintained weight loss exercised an average of an hour or more per day. Longer-duration exercise is usually needed to lose weight and prevent weight re-gain. However, this may be too much for you to begin with, so start small and gradually progress the duration of your activity by 10% each week. For example, increase the duration of your walks from

20 minutes during week one to 22 minutes the following week.

Staying Motivated

Changing your diet and exercise habits involves lifestyle modifications, but maintaining these lifestyle changes can be the real challenge. Many people can lose weight, but only a few can maintain that weight loss. Much of this is due to the fact that the lifestyle modifications made to lose weight need to be permanent. It is normal to regain a few pounds after your initial weight loss. The key is to not get discouraged and stay motivated. The smaller the amount of weight that you regain, the easier it is to lose again, permanently. So frequent monitoring of your weight is necessary to catch yourself when you start to regain weight. Keep in mind that the longer you keep weight off, the easier it becomes. For weight loss to be sustainable, it must be a slow process of 1 to 2 pounds of weight loss per week. Stay focused and goal-oriented and know that successful weight loss is possible!

Additional Resources

The National Weight Control Registry:

www.nwcr.ws

About.com: www.exercise.about.com/od/weightloss/a/shortcuts.htm

If you are interested in information on other health and fitness topics, contact: American Council on Exercise, 4851 Paramount Drive, San Diego, CA 92123, 800-825-3636; or, go online at www.acefitness.org and access the complete list of ACE Fit Facts™



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Men's and women's tennis teams finish strong from a tough season with honors

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Both the men's and the women's teams faced tough competition this year, especially in the Centennial Conference. Regardless, rather than dwelling on losses, both teams looked at each difficulty as an opportunity to play better. Both teams finished in better standing in the Centennial Conference. Certain individuals have also been honored for their efforts.

The men's team had ended their losing streak at Ursinus, clobbering them 9-0, and more recently defeated the Bullets at Gettysburg 5-4. They won two out of the three double matches, with Sophomore Jordan Rutt and Junior Robbie Goldwein winning 8-3 at No. 1, and Senior Matt Kral and Junior Wayne Mitchel winning No. 2 in a tiebreak, 9-8 (7-4). Gettysburg won No. 1 and No. 3 singles, giving them a 3-2 match lead, but Kral and Senior Mark Apostolos won at fourth and sixth singles, respectively and Goldwein lead the team to victory by winning at No. 2 6-2, 6-4. The men lose to Franklin and Marshall following that match, but they did with honors. Kral, Apostolos and Senior Yoni Farber were honored before the match before playing a regionally ranked and playoff-bound Diplomat (10-7, 6-2) squad.

The men ended their season in a very close loss to Elizabethtown, with the final score being 5-4. Considering Elizabethtown's standings being 12-4 and being in the top seed for the Commonwealth Conference playoffs, the men should be very proud of themselves. There were four three-set matches and four tiebreakers. Muhlenberg was first behind the Blue Jays being 2-1 after doubles and 3-1 after the first singles matched. Then Muhlenberg rebounded with Junior Wayne Mitchel dropping the first set and taking the win at No. 5. Elizabethtown won a three-set match at No. 2 to take a 4-3 lead, but Rutt was able to tie it back up after three sets against a player who won a No. 1 singles bracket in the Mule Classic in September.

The day ended with the final match between Kral and a Blue-Jay for the win. Kral lost in the third set 6-3. This allowed them to end their season at 5-9. Also, having won No. 5 singles at the match, Apostolos ended the year with a team-best 8-3 singles mark.

The women's team was also successful at Gettysburg, defeating them 6-3. The four junior captains played exceptionally well without too much opposition. Caitie Druker and Sara Sutker won at No. 1, 8-1, and Danielle Winston and Lindsay Schmidt didn't lose a game in an 8-0 victory at No. 2. They proceeded to win all straight sets for the Mules (6-8, 5-5) at first through four singles. The win at Gettysburg allowed Muhlenberg to finish the CC conference with a record 7-8, 5-5, and a record of at least .500 for the 10th consecutive season!

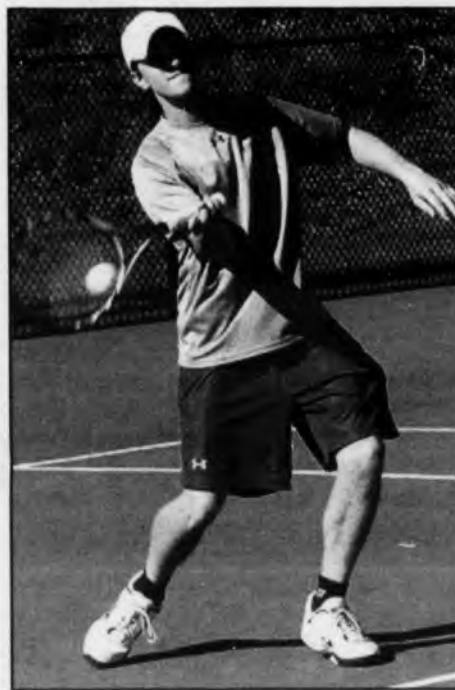
The women finished their season even stronger by defeating the Blue Jays 6-3. They won at first and second doubles and first through fourth singles. They finished

the season at 7-8 with four-match winning streak, while the Blue Jays dropped to 13-4. Winston and Schmidt managed an 8-1 victory at No. 2 doubles over a team that had won eight of its previous nine matches. Druker and Sutker added an 8-4 victory at No. 1 over a pairing that had similar standing of having won seven of its nine previous matches.

In singles action, Druker and Sutker won 6-1, 6-2 at first and second. Winston and Schmidt played hard through the first sets before cruising in the second. Winston won her first set 7-5 and the second 6-1 at No. 3.

At No. 4, Schmidt went into a first-set tiebreak, winning 10-8, and then won 6-2 in the second. The four captains' victories in singles allowed them all to finish the season at .500 or better individually.

Considering Elizabethtown's women's team also had set high standards like the men's teams, this final win is a huge accomplishment for the Mule women's team and shows how they have drastically improved from the beginning of the season. All of Elizabethtown's singles players and doubles pairings had winning records entering the dual match.



Left: Junior Sara Sutker shows off her backhand; Middle: Junior Wayne Mitchel returns a volley; Right: Junior Caitie Druker gets low!

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Following the match, Druker and Sutker were named to the All-Centennial Conference second team. Also, winning the four straight single matches also kept Druker and Sutker in a tie with another active pair of Mules for the most career wins (28) by a doubles team in spring dual matches in program history. And that's a wrap for the season!

Muhlenberg lacrosse wins their final game

BY JORDAN POSNER
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In the final game of the season, the Mules traveled to Ursinus College looking to go out on a high note. A long, tough week of practice helped the team look as strong as they had the entire season.

As a reward for their efforts Berg came out victorious with a nine to three win. Ursinus entered into the game with eight wins and four losses overall, but just three wins and five losses in Centennial Conference play.

As the first quarter dwindled down, neither team was able to break the 0-0 tie despite numerous shots on goal. With one minute and twenty-five seconds left, Fresh-

man Doug Rheiner scored, making the score 1-0 in favor of the Mules. The second quarter was much like the first; Muhlenberg dumped a dozen shots on goal, while Ursinus took fifteen shots.

Despite the incredible number of shots on goal, only two were scored in the entire quarter. Ursinus drew first blood, but then Muhlenberg's Sophomore Corey Aferiat notched his seventh goal of the season to put the team up two to one at the half.

Muhlenberg star Senior Al Carpetto scored two minutes into the third quarter, and just like that the Mules were back on top. Unfortunately, all that changed when Ursinus beat Muhlenberg's stellar goaltending to tie the

game with five minutes left in the third quarter. With time still left to play, Sophomore Alex Ardolino scored, making the game four to three.

The team still had more juice left and would score yet again, compliments of Senior leader Al Carpetto with forty three seconds left. Fortunately for Muhlenberg, the lacrosse gods were looking down on them. The team lost three out of five road games, but this one was not going to turn out that way. Senior co-captain Ari Jacobson scored his final two goals as a Mule in the fourth quarter. In addition, Sophomores Clint Watkins and Chase Nadell both netted goals of their

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OWN.

As usual, stellar goal tending from Junior Mike Horowitz helped Muhlenberg stay on top. He saved ten out of Ursinus' thirteen shots on net. Horowitz finishes the season with the second best save percent record in Centennial Conference play.

With this loss, Muhlenberg just missed the Centennial Conference playoffs with their previous loss to McDaniel. McDaniel took the last playoff spot along with Gettysburg, Dickinson, and Haverford. The team dominated in almost every single statistical category registering more shots, more saves, more ground balls, less turnovers, and more cleared balls, demonstrating the

skill level that Muhlenberg has. Sun May 2nd, Haverford and Gettysburg met in the championship game for the conference.

These two teams met last year, with Gettysburg coming out victorious. They then went on to win the national championship for Division III. For the first time ever, Haverford defeated Gettysburg eleven to eight, as they won their first ever Centennial Conference title. The team finished with a six win seven losses record overall, including a four win, four loss conference record.

With such a tremendous victory to end the season, it unfortunately means an end to the careers for the seniors. Muhlenberg will graduate six players including: Will Garrity, Matthew Schroeder, Al Carpetto, Ari

Jacobson, Ivan Brown, and Sean Delaney. Jacobson helped carry the Mules offensively scoring seventeen goals this season, and tallying thirty five throughout his career at Muhlenberg. Jacobson and the rest of the seniors will leave Muhlenberg with a fine legacy as outstanding lacrosse players.

Despite a losing record, Muhlenberg fought hard every single game they played. Whether the end result was a win or a loss the team held their heads high because they were proud to be part of such a great organization. Maybe next season will be the season that Muhlenberg makes it to the Centennial Conference playoffs.

Who knows, maybe there is an NCAA Tournament on the horizon?

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Although no playoffs, baseball did not disappoint

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One win. One win was all that separated the Mules and the 2010 Centennial Conference Playoffs. In the end however, it was not meant to be. Washington College claimed the last play-off spot, after taking one of two from 'Berg in the final Conference doubleheader of the year. For Coach Corey Goff and team, it was a year that ended in bitter disappointment but nonetheless saw countless spectacular individual and team performances throughout.

In February, the team kicked the season off with their annual trip to sunny Florida. This year was especially thrilling, as the Mules made their spring training stop in Vero Beach, Florida, more commonly known as historic "Dodgertown," the former spring training home of the Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers. The trip ended with a 4-4 record but provided an essential bonding experience for a team that included a total of fourteen freshman faces.

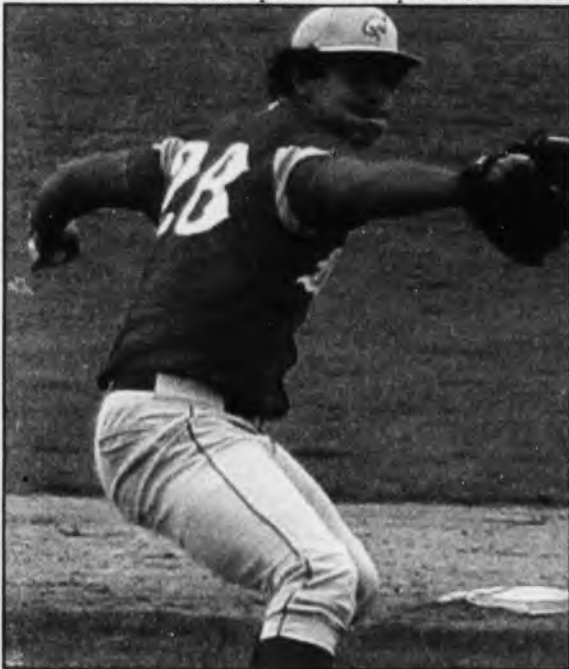
The official "home opener" took place on a blus-

he completed the rare feat of entering the same game twice as a relief pitcher against St. John Fisher. DiCecilia, on the other hand, saw most of his at-bats as the team's designated hitter, recording only the third cycle in Muhlenberg baseball history in a ridiculous day versus St. John Fisher, where he went 5 for 5 and drove in five runs.

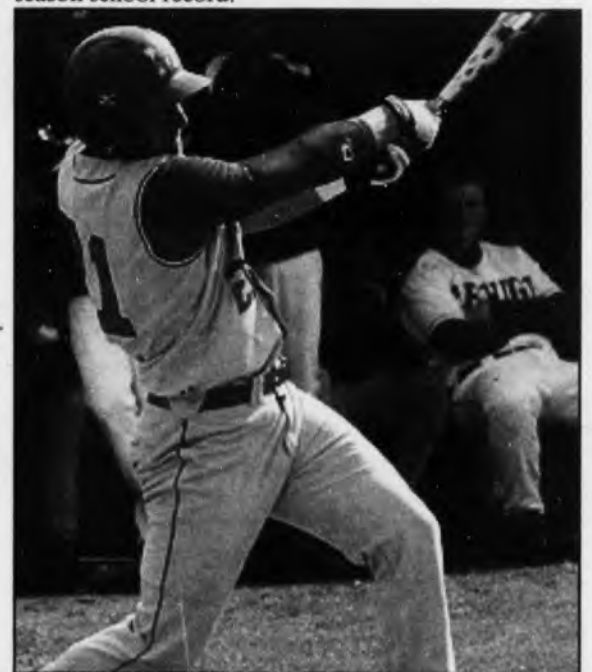
April was the month of streaks for 'Berg, as the team saw a losing streak of three, a winning streak of three, followed by a losing streak of three in nine consecutive games. In four separate slugfests, the Mules scored at least thirteen runs with the biggest outburst, a 26 run show, coming against Dickinson. In the game, nine different players recorded an RBI and eleven different players recorded at least one hit. The stars of the game

out nine and recorded his twentieth win as a member of the Muhlenberg pitching staff.

In the end, however, the Mules came up just short as the heartbreaking doubleheader versus Washington College ended any thought of the playoffs. The weekend was not a failure though, as several players set school and personal records. Senior second baseman and team leader Eric Pomroy recorded his 100th career RBI to go along with his 100 career runs scored. He is only the second Muhlenberg player in history to achieve such a feat. Senior Dan Fisher set Muhlenberg career marks for runs scored, doubles, and doubles in a single season. His ability to play the field, pitch, hit, and lead earned him All-CC Honorable Mention. Fellow Senior Phil Cresta ended his decorated career with 22 lifetime wins, the most in school history. He also moved into third place on the all-time Muhlenberg strikeout list. Junior Joe DiCecilia finished his unbelievable season at the plate with a .436 batting average and 61 hits, a single season school record.



Left: Senior Phil Cresta picks up his 22nd win;
Middle: Senior Eric Pomroy hits one deep;
Right: Junior Joseph DiCecilia makes contact



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tery March day at Diamond Nation in Flemington, New Jersey, as inclement weather rendered the Mules' true home field unplayable. Although the opener, and March in general for that matter, were somewhat up and down for the team, they did end the month on a four game winning streak.

Leading the charge were Junior Joe DiCecilia and Senior Dan Fisher, who each played imperative roles at the plate and in the field. Fisher seemed to do it all, as

were Juniors Clint Lynch and Jeff Puklin. Lynch had four hits, five runs batted in, and four runs scored. Puklin contributed with four RBIs, two hits, and two walks. As the weather warmed and the calendar inched toward May, the Mules hit their stride, positioning themselves in the thick of the Centennial Conference Playoff race with Washington College and Franklin & Marshall. With consistent hitting and strong pitching from starters like Senior Phil Cresta, Juniors Jason Daniels, Chris Harper, and Sophomore Mike Speroni, the Mules were able to string together some key wins versus conference opponents. In a game versus Dickinson, Cresta single-handedly baffled the Red Devils in route to a complete game seven hitter. In the contest, the senior ace struck

He also added nine home runs and 43 RBIs, both top five among Centennial Conference hitters. He was honored for his accomplishments by being voted a First Team All-CC selection. Although the loss of core Seniors Eric Pomroy, Phil Cresta, and Dan Fisher will create a noticeable void, there is strong hope for next year as 'Berg returns seven of nine full-time starters. DiCecilia will look to follow up his spectacular season and players such as Clint Lynch, Jesse Nusbaum, and Bobby Spindler will no doubt help lead the team to another season filled with great moments. Until then, enjoy a summer filled with relaxation, sun, and of course baseball!

How many days 'til spring training?

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